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GALLOW AND BROTHERCROSS HUNDREDS.

THESE two hundreds were (as I take it) possessed by the Crown, till King *Henry* I. gave them to *William* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, to be held of the castle of *Norwich*, paying 2 *marks per annum*.

It appears by the book of *Domesday*, that the towns of these hundreds are now strangely intermixed; many that were then in *Brothercross* hundred, are now in *Gallow*, *viz. Rainham*, the most southern town, at this time in *Gallow*, was then in *Brothercross* hundred; and *Burnham Thorp*, with both the *Crekes*, which are at this time in *Brothercross*, were in *Gallow* hundred.

In the 35th of *Henry* III. the King directed his writ to the sheriff of this county, reciting, that whereas by inquisition it was found that the land of *John* Earl *Warren*, *et nova terra*, (by which I understand lands granted, or purchased since the time of the Conqueror,) were always free in the time of *William* Earl *Warren*, his father, and his ancestors, of the common amerciaments of the county; and of murder, when it happened out of any of those lands which were his;[1] but that the *iters* of the justices, the King hath amerciaments of all pleas there moved of all the Earl's lands, as well new, as all other his lands, or demesnes; and if any murder happen on any of those lands, then they were not quit thereof, &c.——Therefore the King ordered that the Earl should have all the liberties and quittances, which his father had enjoyed. Dated July 22d.

It appears that the Earl *Warren* paid 2 *marks per annum* to the King for them in his 52d year, and that they were worth 20*l. per ann.*

JOHN EARL WARREN, in the 4th of *Edward* II. claimed a right to all whales cast on the shores here; and in the 12th of that King, conveyed by fine to *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster* the said hundreds; and *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster* died possessed of them in the 35th of *Edward* III.; but *John* Earl *Warren* held them at his death in the 21st of *Edward* III.[2]

HENRY Duke of *Lancaster*, by *Isabel* his wife, daughter of *Henry* Lord *Beaumont*, left two daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, the eldest, married, first, *Ralph* son of *Ralph* Lord *Stafford*, and afterwards *William* Duke of *Zeland*, &c. styled also Earl of *Leicester*, and died without issue; *Blaunch*, the youngest, married *John* of *Gaunt* Earl of *Richmond*, and after, Duke of *Lancaster*, 4th son to King *Edward* III.

[1] Claus. 35 Hen. 3. m. 8.

[2] Baronage, v. p. 82.

who inherited them in right of his wife; to whom the King granted many royal privileges herein, and they descended to his son, *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster*, (as part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*,) who became King of *England*, by the name of *Henry* IV. and in the 5th year of his reign (as Duke of *Lancaster* and lord of these hundreds,) had a sheriff's turn, held by the high steward of his dutchy of *Lancaster*, at *Fakenham-Dam*. It remained thus in the possession of King *Henry* V. and VI. as Dukes of *Lancaster*, till King *Edward* IV. in his first year, by act of parliament on the attainder of King *Henry* VI. incorporated the aforesaid dutchy with the Crown, *November* 4th, and after settled them on *Elizabeth* his Queen for life; who, in the 7th, year of the said King, *November* 24, demised to *John Wode*, Esq. these hundreds, with that of *North Grenhow*, for three years, with all the courts lete, hundred courts, sheriff's aid, wrecks, weifs, strays, &c.; licenses of concord, royal liberties, free customs, writs, felons goods, deodands, &c. King *Henry* VII. separated again these hundreds from the Crown, and they are now parts of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and belonging to the Crown.

In 1623, these hundreds were let by the Earl of *Arundel* for 14*l. per annum*, as appears from the receipt of Mr. *Jeremiah Alexander*, receiver of the rents to the said Earl.

The hundred court for *Gallow* hundred might be anciently held at a place that gave name to it: I find *Philip*, son of *Richard de Doketon*, to grant, by deed *sans*, date, to *Richard de Dunton* three pieces of land, in the fields of *Dunton*, at *Galehow*; and in the 6th of *Edward* II. *Hugh de Dunton* had lands at *Galehoges*, in *Dunton* field.

In the 5th of *Henry* IV. it was held, as I have observed, at *Fakenham-Dam*, which place might probably have been called *Galestow*; that is, a hill at the water: in the 3d and 10th of *Elizabeth*, the hundred court was held at *Longfield Stone*, but in what town is not mentioned.

Brothercross seems to take its name from a cross placed at the ford or pass over the river at *Burnham*; which river, in the *Saxon* age, might be called the *Brother*, as *Brotherton*, a town in *Yorkshire*; and thus *Broughton*, a town on a brook.

BARMERE,

Called *Benemare*, in Domesday book, when it was the lordship of *William* Earl *Warren*, and held of him by *Ralf*. It was a beruite to *Rudham*: four socmen held then sixty acres of land, and three bordarers had one carucate and an half, and a church belonged to it.[3]

[3] Tre. Will. de Warrenna. Hund. de ten. Rad. de LX. ac. tre. et iii. bord. Brodercross.—Et in Benemare iiii. soc. semp. i. car. et dim. ecclie.

COXFORD PRIORY MANOR.

Ralph abovementioned was the ancestor of the family of *de Caineto*, or *Cheyney*, (of whom see in *Rudham*,) and a younger branch of that family being enfeoffed of this town, assumed, according to the custom of that age, the name (as I presume) of *de Barmere*. *Nicholas de Barmere* gave to the priory thirty acres of land here, in the time of *Henry* III. and in the said reign, the prior held here, in *Rudham* and *Sydestern*, one knight's fee, and an half, of the Earl *Warren*, when the aid was granted on the marriage of the King's sister to the Emperor.

The temporalities of the priory, in 1428, were valued at 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; at the Dissolution, King *Henry* VIII. on *May* 9, in his 29th year, granted it to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, with the advowson, all its liberties, courts lete, and view of frank pledge, foldcourse, &c. for 1000 years; and the Duke of *Norfolk* granted it to *Robert Bozoun*, Esq. of *Stodey*, *ao.* 9 *Elizabeth*, a pepper corn *per annum*, if demanded: *Bozoun* conveyed it to *Roger Townsend*, Esq. *January* 8, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, with lands in *Berwick*, in exchange for lands in *Wyssingset*, in which family it remains, the right honourable *George* Lord Viscount *Townsend* being lord.

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

In the 4th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *John de Matelaske* and *Edith* his wife, *John de Bermere*, and *Emme* his wife, of lands here conveyed to *John de Bermere*. It appears from the Register of *Castleacre*, that *Martin*, son and heir of *John de Bermere*, gave to that priory several services of his tenants, and several yearly rents, confirming also the grants of *Richard de Bermere* his brother:[4] he also gave the moiety of his heath, called *Whinberghe*, the moiety of his foldcourse, a croft, called *Bruecroft*, four acres of land, called *Bocherendale*, with view of frank-pledge, assise of bread and beer, and free bull and boar, *sans* date; but in the reign of King *John*, he also gave them four acres, three acres, and five roods of land, and the yearly rent of 14*d.* which Sir *Osbert de Stratesete* paid him for land here.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. the prior held a quarter of a fee here, and his temporalities were valued at 18*s.* 7*d.*

At the Dissolution it was granted, *May* 9, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*; and *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* granted it, in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, to *Robert Bozoun*, Esq. who conveyed it to *Roger Townsend*, Esq. as is above observed, &c.; from the family of *Townsend* it came to Sir ——— *Chaplin*, Bart. and from him to Mr. *Edward Glover*, the present lord, 1757.

The manor of *Berwick* extended into this town in the 20th of *Edward* III. *William de Calthorp* held the fourth part of a fee here of the heirs of the Lord *Tateshall*, which *Reginald de Calthorp*, and *Richard* his brother formerly held; and Sir *William Calthorp* of *Calthorp*, Knt.

[4] Reg. Castl. fol. 46.

died possessed of it; in the 9th of *Henry* VI. Sir *Philip Calthorp* was lord, as appears by his will, dated *March* 27, 1532. *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *Philip*, brought it by marriage to Sir *Henry Parker*, lord also of *Berwick* and *Stanhow*; and Sir *Philip Parker* had livery of it about the 20th of *Elizabeth*. Soon after this it came to the *Townsends*, and so was united to the other lordships.

The tenths were 2*l.* 13*s.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*—Lete fee 12*d.* to the lord of the hundred.—Concealed lands here were granted *September* 22, 17 *Elizabeth*, to *John Herbert* and *Andrew Palmer*.

The Church is a little pile; stands on a hill, and is covered with tiles: the chancel and the north isle are in ruins; it is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and has a round tower or steeple.

It was a rectory, valued at ten marks, with the portions, and in the patronage of *Coxford* priory, appropriated thereto by *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, and again by *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, 14 *Cal. September*, 1326. *Peter*-pence 12*d.*

The spiritualities of *Bynham* priory, in 1428 were 6*s.*; a knight of the Lord *Valoins*, whose manor of *Rudman North-hall* extended here, gave two parts of his tithe to the priory on its foundation; the temporalities of *Bukenham* priory 3*s.* 11*d. ob.* and of *Walsingham* 6*d.*

In 1302, *Andrew de Cutun*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Cokesfield.*

In 1326, on the second appropriation, a vicar was ordained, who was to have tithe of all the fruits and obventions belonging to the said church, corn excepted; the vicar was to pay procurations and synodals, and the Bishop had a pension of two marks *per annum.*

1326, *Jeffry Styward*, vicar, presented by the prior, &c.
1327, *Thomas Hancock. Ditto*
1335, *Thomas Spanye. Ditto.*
1341, *William de Melton. Ditto.*
1349, *John Peggon. Ditto.*
1353, *John de Southgate. Ditto.*
1387, *Thomas Penebrigge. Ditto.*
1389, *Richard Willing. Ditto.*
1404, *John Willys. Ditto.*

I find no institutions after this, and is held of a curacy in the patronage of the Earl of Orford.

In Domesday Book, this village is wrote *Benemara; Bene* sets forth its site on a rivulet or stream, called *Ben*, as *Benington* in *Hertfordshire*, *Benford* in *Warwickshire*, &c. and *Mara*, by some mere, or standing water. *Barmere*, by a hill and a mere.

BRUNSTHORP,

So called, as seated by a BURN, or BOURN. This village was given (as I take it) to the abbey of *Ely*, by *Ethelwold* Bishop of *Winchester*, in the reign of the *Saxon* King *Edgar*. At the survey it was in the tenure, and accounted for as the lands, of St. *Audrey*, or *Adeldrede*, the foundress of that monastery. There was a socman and 8 bordarers, with one carucate of land, one carucate in demean, and one amongst the men, three acres of meadow, and a mill, valued at 3*l. per annum*.[5]

In the reign of King *Henry* II. *Warine Fitz-Gerold* held it of the Bishop of *Ely*; he was grandson of *Robert Fitz-Gerold*, who lived in the time of the Conqueror, and held many lordships in several counties. *Warine* was the King's chamberlain, and the family of *Pinkeny* held it under the *Fitz-Geralds*.

ROBERT DE PINKENEI released to *William* his brother half a knight's fee here, in the 10th of *Richard* I. who regranted it by fine to *Robert* and *Alice* his wife in tail, except thirteen acres of land, granted by him to the canons of *Rudham*, for which he gave other lands in exchange. *Hamo de Pinkeney* held the moiety of a fee in the reign of *Henry* III. with *Alice*, his wife, and died seized of it in the 33d of that King; held, as then said, of the honour of *Albemarle*. *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Warine*, son of *Warine Fitz-Gerold*, and *Alice de Curci* his wife, married, 1st, *Baldwin de Redvers* Earl of *Devonshire*, and held it in *capite*; but in the 24th of the said King, it was found that Sir *Robert de Insula*, or de *L'Isle*, was lord of it by the marriage of *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Henry Fitz-Gerold*, brother of *Warine*. *John de Pinkeny*, son of *Hamo*, held under them.

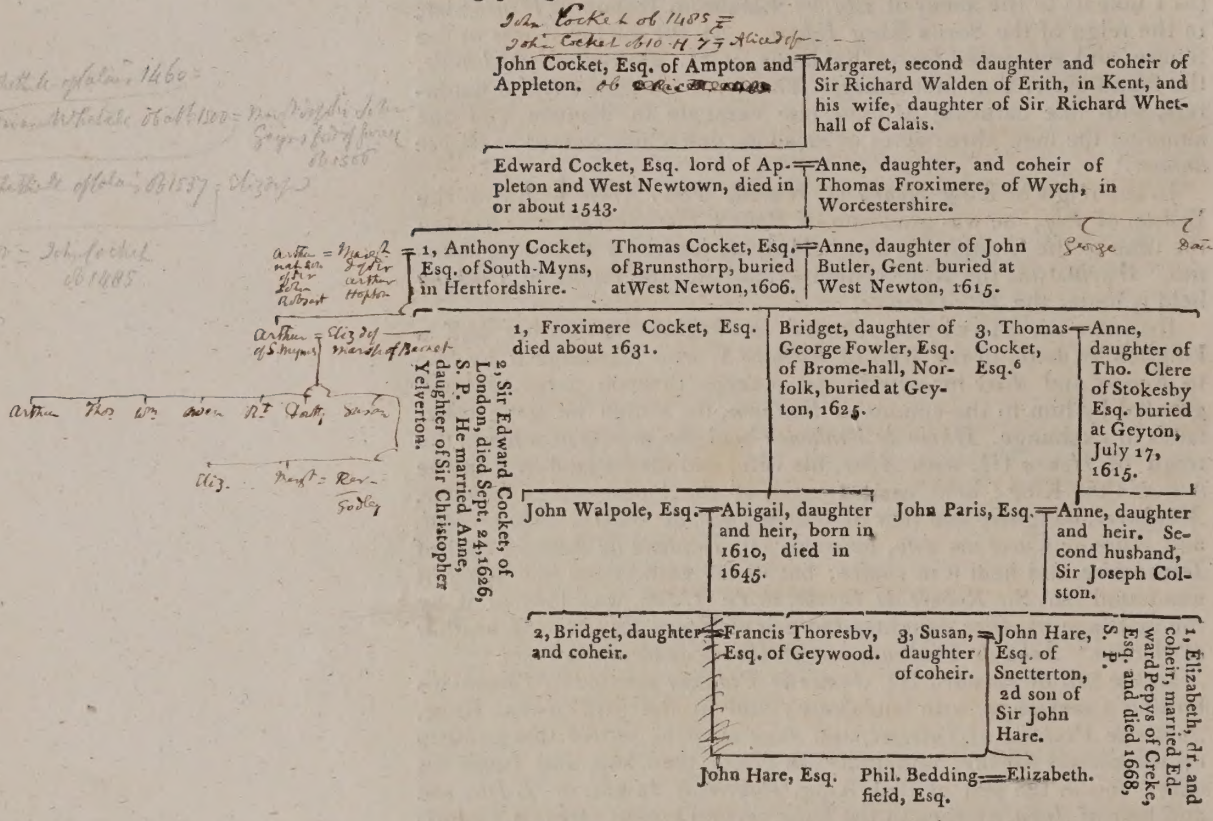
In the 9th of *Edward* III. *James de Pinkeny* granted to *Thomas* his brother a messuage, with lands here; and in the 19th of that King, *James de Pinkeny* of *Taterset*, and *Joan* his wife, settled this lordship on themselves for life, remainder on *Hugh*, their son, and *Isabel* his wife; and in the 42d of that King, *Robert de Insula*, or *L'Isle*, son and heir of *John*, granted to the King certain knight's fees, and courts held by him in *Brunsthorp*, *Intwood*, *Mundeford*, *Holt*, *Cley*, *Sniterley*, *Thorley*, *Bayfield*, *Letheringset*, *Hempstead*, and *Bretenham*, in *Norfolk*.

The heirs of *Hugh de Pinkeny* were found to hold it, in the first year of *Henry* IV. and in the sixth of the said reign, *John Drew* held half a knight's fee, as was found, of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and paid then 10*s*. He was one of the executors of Sir *Robert Knollys*, Knt. whose manor of *Taterset* extended herein.

In the 10th of *Henry* VII. *John Dynne* was found to hold the manor of *Taterset*, and 300 acres of land, in *Taterset* and *Brunsthorp*, by

[5] Terra Sce. Adeldrede—Hund. de Brodescross.—In Bunestorp i. soc. et i. car. tre. sep. viii. bor. et i. car. in dnio. et i. car. hom. iii. ac. pti. mol. val. LX. sol.

knight's service, and *Robert* was his son and heir, who conveyed it to Sir *William Farmer*, whose nephew, *Thomas Farmer*, Esq. sold this lordship, in or about 1570, to *Thomas Cocket*, Esq. who married *Anne*, daughter of *John Butler*, Gent. of *Droitwich* in *Worcestershire*, in 1564, descended from *John Cocket*, senior, of *Ampton*, in *Suffolk*, who died in the 2d of *Richard* III. whose son *John* died about the 10th of *Henry* VII. and was father of *John Cocket*, lord of *Ampton* in *Suffolk*, and of *Appleton* in *Norfolk*, who married, and had issue, as the following pedigree shows.



It appears by this pedigree, that *Abigail*, daughter and heir of *Froximere Cocket*, Esq. brought this lordship by marriage to *John Walpole*, Esq. second son of *Calibut Walpole*, Esq. of *Houghton*, who dying *December* 8, 1654, was buried at *Tatersete*, and left three daughters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, who married to *Edward Pepys*, Esq. had one daughter, who died in 1665, and her husband in 1663; and the said *Elizabeth* dying *September* 10, 1668, was buried by her husband and daughter in the church of *Tatersete*. By her will, she gave her right in this lordship to her two sisters, *Bridget* and *Susan*. *John Hare*, Esq. purchasing *Bridget's* right in 1669, became sole lord, and left it to his son, *John Hare*, Esq. *Richmond Herald*, who in 1698

[6] Thomas Cocket, Esq. of Wolterton —— buried at Oxnead about 1631.

sold it to *Philip Bedingfield*, Esq. who married his sister *Elizabeth*. *Philip* was son of *Edmund Bedingfield*, rector of *Bishop's Cleeve* in *Gloucestershire*, son of *Robert*, and brother to Sir *Thomas Bedingfield* of *Darsham*, in *Suffolk*; and on *December* 24, 1615, it was sold by the aforesaid *Philip* to Colonel *Horace Walpole*, a younger son of Sir *Edward Walpole*, Knt. of the Bath, for 2200*l.* and an annuity of 60*l.* clear, for life.

Here is only the manor-house now remaining, which the Colonel died seized of, *October* 17, 1717, and the Earl of *Orford* is now lord.

The lete fee, to the lord of the hundred, was 12*d.*

Here is no church, and it appears to have been destroyed before the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the prior of *Symplingham*, or *Sempringham*, held this church, appropriated to the convent, and had a grange only; it was valued at four marks, *Peter*-pence, 7*d.* In 1428, the temporalities of *Coxford* priory here, and in *Taterset*, valued at 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

In 1481, *John Croome* was instituted on the presentation of the prior and convent aforesaid.

1529, *John Mendham*, collated by the Bishop, a lapse.

In 1532, *August* 17th, it was appropriated, on the resignation of *Mendham*, to *Cocksford* priory, and served by one of their canons; after that the parishioners had license to go to East *Rudham* church, from *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, 1536.

1608, *Thomas Huson*, presented by the King. The appropriated rectory was granted *May* 9th, *Ao.* 29th Henry VIII. to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

Here was the gild of St. *John*, to whom the church was probably dedicated.

BURNHAM DEPEDALE,

So called from its site (called also *Deepden*) in a great valley; the principal lordship was, we find, at the time of the survey, in the abbey of *Ramsey*, who held it in King *Edward's* reign.[7]—One freeman held then of that monastery, half a carucate of land, 18 bordarers, half a carucate, there were two carucates in demean, valued at 10*s.* and *Roger Bigot* was infeoffed of this by the abbot.

[7] Terra Sci. Benedicti de Rameſiæ.—Hund. de Brodercross in Bruneham, ten. S.B.T.R.E.i. lib. hom. de dim. car. tre. sep. xviii. bor. ten. dim. car. mo. nich. sep. ii. car. dom. sep. x sol. hoc tenet Rog. Bigot

BRANCASTER-HALL.

Wulgiva, wife of *Ailwin* Duke of the *East-Angles*, gave this manor, with *Brancaster*, &c. to the abbot of *Ramsey* on his founding the said monastery in 969, and King *Edgar*, and *Edward* the Confessor confirmed the said grant with many privileges, as may be seen in *Brancaster*.

Reinald, or *Reginald*, abbot, by his deed *sans date*, but in the reign of *Henry* I. grants to *Boseline* and *Alfnia* his wife, the land of *Ulf*, in *Depedene* (now called *Depedale*) on this condition, that they become the abbot's liege people.

Reinaldus Dei gratia abbas Ramesiæ[8] *præposito et homnibus de Brancestre et omnibus vicinis Francis et Anglis salut.—Sciatis me dedisse terram Ulf in Depedene (hodie Depedale) huic Boselino et uxori ejus Alfniæ ita bene sicut homines de Brancestre illum testificant verum habuisse, eâ conditione quod effecti sunt homines liges.*

This shows that lords of manors had their lieges, who were bound and sworn to pay allegiance to them.

The family of *Brancestre* seems to have held it of the abbot. *Herbert de Brancestre* lived in the 34th of *Henry* III. and was succeeded hy *Ralph* his son, and the bailiff of the abbot in the said reign took a penny toll of every cart, or carriage, coming to or from *Depedale*, and *Thomas de Brancastre* held a quarter of a fee in this town in the said reign.

Adam de Brancastre held it in the 3d of *Edward* I. and one of the same name had the same tenure, (as appears from the inquisitions in the 20th of *Edward* III.) which *Thomas de Brancastre* formerly held, and *Thomas de Brancastre* held it in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

On the dissolution of monasteries, it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* VIII. *May* 5th, in his 37th year, (in consideration of the manor of *Haynford*, &c. conveyed by Sir *Richard Southwell* to the King,) granted to Sir *Richard* the lordship of *Brancaster-hall*, with a portion of tithes, belonging to *Ramsey* abbey, dated *May* 5th; and in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, *June* 20th, *Thomas Southwell* of *Horsham* St. *Faith's*, covenanted with *Catherine Audley* his sister, and *Robert* her son, in things related to this manor, and *Henry Southwell*, son of Sir *Richard*, was lord in the 12th of *James* I.

DEPEDALE MANOR.

Another lordship in this town was possessed by *Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk* of that name, by a grant of the Conqueror, out of which *Rochagana*, who was lord of it in King *Edward's* time, had been ejected, and *Humphrey de Cuelai*, held it under *Bigot*, containing 1 carucate of land, 2 villains, 10 bordarers, 2 servi, 1 carucate in demean, and 2 amongst the tenants, or men, &c. valued formerly at 20*s*. *per ann.* at the survey at 16*s*.[9]

[8] Lib. Rames. 244.

[9] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—Brodecross Hd. de Bruneham, ten. Humfrid de Cuelai i. car. tre. qua tenuit Rochasana,

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *Ralph de Depedale* passed, by fine, land, here to *Odo*, son of *Ede de Depedale;* and in the 53d of that Kings *Roger de Toftes* was patent in a fine, and *Henry*, son of *William de Depedale*, was tenant of 1 carucate of land, in *Depedale and Burnham*, with all the homages, rents, wards, &c. granted to *Roger* and his heirs, paying to *Henry* for life 7*l. per annum.* This *Roger* had a quarter of a knight's fee, and in the 55th of the said reign, the abbot of *Ramsey* recovered a free tenement against *Henry de Depedale*, and *Roger de Toftes*, of which they had unjustly disseized him, being possessed of it for an 100 years past, by the gelt of the ancestors of *Roger de Toftes*. In the 15th of *Edward* I. *Roger de Toftes* claimed free warren in his demean lands here, and settled on *Richard de Toftes* this manor, in the 33d of that King, by fine, who in the 17th of *Edward* II. held it (as it is said) by the fourth part of a fee, of Sir *John de Thorp;* this *Richard* settled by fine on *Thomas de Chamberlayne*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, intail, this lordship, with 200 acres of land, 100 of marsh, and 40*s.* in this town, *Burnham Sutton, Westgate, Norton, Ulp*, &c. in the 2d of *Edward* III. which *Roger de Ormesby* and *Alice* his wife held in dower, and *Thomas Chamberlayn* held it by a quarter of a fee in the 20th of that King. After this, *John*, son of *Simon Chamberlayn*, and the daughters of the said *Simon*, conveyed it to *John Leche* of *Egmere*, clerk.

Sir *John de Vernon* and *Catherine* his wife conveyed by fine, to Sir *Ralph de Pooley*, Knt. *Robert Aleyn* of *Stokesby*, and *Symon de Bermere*, this manor, with 2 carucates of land, 100 acres of marsh, and 9*s.* rent here, &c. settled on Sir *Ralph* and his heirs; and *John de Holcham* by his will, dated on the feast of St. *Stephen*, 1384, and proved *October* 23d following, appears to die possessed of it. In the 14th of *Henry* 6th, *Thomas Charles*, Esq. and *Alice* his wife, passed it by fine to *George Holkham*, with 200 acres of land, 200 of marsh, 40*s. per ann.* in this town, *Burnham Norton, Westgate, Sutton, Ulp*, and *Brancaster*.

Thomas Shouldham, Esq. by his will, dated in 1467, gives it to *Margaret* his wife for life, and afterwards to be sold.[1]

In the 33d of *Henry* VIII. *John Finham*, Esq. was found to die possessed of it, as appears from the eschaet-rolls, and *William Fincham* his grandson died lord in the 14th of *Elizabeth*. After this it was possessed by *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. who married the sister and heir of *William*. This *Charles Cornwallis* was second son of Sir *Thomas Cornwallis*, of *Brome-hall*, in *Suffolk*, privy counsellor to Queen *Mary*.

InTrinity term, the 13th of *James* I. a fine was levied between *Henry Davy* and *Christopher Hyrne*, plaintiffs, *Henry Southwell* deforciant of the manors of *Burnham Depedale*, and that of *Brancaster, Helmingham*, and *Morton*, 20 messuages, 20 tofts, 1 windmill, 5 dove-houses, 20 gardens, 1000 acres of heath, 10 of alder, 40*s.* a rent, a free fishing, and liberty of 2 foldages, &c.; and on *Monday, February* 22d, in the year 1617, it appears from the Council book,[2] that Sir *Henry*

T. R. E. tc. ii. vill. et mo. semp. x. bord. tc. ii. serv. mo. i. semp. in dnio. i. car. tc. hom. ii. car. mo. i. sed potest restaurari. mo. xl. ovs. tc. val. xx. sol. mo. xvi.

[1] Regist. Betyns Norw. 137.

[2] Councill Book, fol. 144.——H. de Brodercross.—In Bruneham tenet idem ii. lib. hoes. de i. car. tre. tc. et mo. x. bor. sep. in dnio. i. car. tc houm.

Southwell, Knt gentleman of the privy chamber in ordinary, claimed the rents of the manor of *Depedale,* retained from him by Sir *Charles Cornwaleys,* and belonging to him.

After this it was purchased by *Stephen Soame,* Esq. who was a knight, and Lord Mayor of *London,* in 1598, and *John Soame,* Esq. was lord in 1656; from the *Soames* it came to *John Harris,* Esq. who presented to the church in 1686, and *Elizabeth Money* in 1749.

Roger Bigot had also another manor held of him by *Turstan,* son of *Wido,* consisting of one carucate of land; which 2 freemen owned, in King *Edward's* reign, 10 bordarers, 1 carucate in demean, 1 amongst the men, 2 parts of a mill, 5 acres of meadow, valued then at 8*s.* at the survey at 18*s. per annum;* and in the same village 2 freemen had half a carucate of land, with 2 bordarers, &c. valued at 2*s.* at the survey at 12*d.* And in *Depedale, Turstan* held of *Bigot* half a carucate, which a freeman possessed, and 3 bordarers, with one carucate, valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 10*s.*

Turstan seems to have been the ancestor of the family of *De Creke,* lords of North *Creke* and of *Depedale,* from whom it came to the *Thorps,* as may be there seen at large.

In the 35th of *Edward* I. Sir *John de Thorp* and his parceners held in *Creyk, Depedale, Quarles,* &c. 13 fees of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk,* and in the 23d of *Edward* III. *John,* son of Sir *Robert de Thorp,* was lord of this fee

The tenths of this town were 45*s.*—Deducted 8*s.* 4*d.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, 2*s.* 1*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary,* and is a rectory valued at 11*l.*; the ancient valor was 10 *marks,* and in the patronage of the abbot of *Ramsey,* and out of it the sacrist had a pension valued at 1 *mark,* the prior of *Wymund* a portion, valued at half a *mark,* and the prior of *Castleacre* one, valued at 7*s.* in 1428. *Peter*-pence 12*d.*

There was a controversy between *William,* abbot of *Ramsey,* and *Godfrey* the priest, concerning this church, terminated by *Gilbert Foliot* Bishop of *London,* in the reign of *Henry* II. *Godfrey* pleading, that one Sir *Walter de Grisiomonte* presented him, but he publickly before the Bishop acknowledged the right to be for ever in the abbey; and resigned all his right therein, to the abbot.

The church has a nave, a north isle, and a chancel covered with lead; in a window the arms of *Calthorp,* impaling *gules,* three cups *argent, Argenton.* Here is an old font, standing on five pillasters, a round tower, with one bell.

RECTORS.

Geffcou, rector in the reign of *Henry* II. presented by *William,* abbot of *Ramsey,* and the convent.

1305, *John de Sautre. Ditto.*

1316, Mr. *John le Moigne. Ditto.*

car. mo. d. et ii. part. de mol. v. ac. pti. tc. val. viii. sol. mo. xviii. sol.—In ead. villa ii. lib. hoes. de dim. car. tre. tenet idem. sep. ii. bor. sep. dim. car. tc. val. ii sol. mo. xii. d.—In Depedale i. lib. ho. de dim. car. tre. tenet idem semp. iii. bor. sep. i. car. tc. val. xx. sol. mo. x.

1318, Mr. *William de Ramsey,* presented by *William,* abbot, &c.
1324, *John de Wycheford. Ditto.*
William de Bladington.
1344, *Nicholas Dockyng. Ditto.*
1349, *Thomas de Trypelowe,* by the King in the vacancy of the abbey.
1364, *John Toke. Ditto.*
1385, *Richard Atte Cherch. Ditto.*
1397, *Peter Baker. Ditto.*
1398, *Richard Locksmith,* presented by *Ditto*
1401, *John Blake. Ditto.*
1411, *Nicholas Trych,* alias *Geddying. Ditto.*
1424, *Richard Ferrour. Ditto.*
1445, *William Aslak. Ditto.*
1465, *William Lewes. Ditto.*
John Carter.
1488, *William Wilby. Ditto.*
1496, *Thomas Doget.*
1500, *William Reede. Ditto.*
1505, *Thomas Bell. Ditto.*
1541, *John Palmer,* by the King.
1549, *John Gibson,* by Sir *Richard Southwell.*
1554 *Nicholas Pedder.*[3] *Ditto.*
1578, *George Page,* by *Henry Gunthorp, hac vice.*
1603, *George Byrton,* by *Thomas Southwell,* Esq.
1610, *John Bostan,* by *William Armiger* of North *Creik*
1656, *Robert Roystan,* by Sir *William Palmer,* Knt.[4]
1671, *John Scambler,* by the guardian of *John Soame,* Esq.
1672, *Henry Spurling. Ditto.*
1686, *Thomas Groome,* by *John Harris.*
1749, *Humphrey Christian,* on *Groome's* death, by *Elizabeth Money.*

Simon Bishop of *Norwich,* 1265, confirmed to the monks of *Castle-acre,* two parts of the tithes of demean of *William Fitz Henry* in this town.

BURNHAM THORP.

THERE are several towns here adjoining of the name of *Burnham,* so called from a neighbouring stream, or brook. *Toke,* a great *Saxon* thane, was lord of it in the reign of the Confessor, and was, at the conquest, deprived of it, and many more considerable lordships, when this was granted to *William* Earl *Warren,* and is placed in *Domesday*

[3] He was lately a canon of St. Oswald's in Yorkshire, and deprived 1554.

[4] Sir William was guardian of John Soame.

book, under the hundred of *Gallow*, and not in *Brothercross*. *Walter* then was infeoffed of it, by the aforesaid Earl.

In *Toke's* time it contained 2 carucates of land, 10 villains, and 29 bordarers, with 3 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, 5 amongst the tenants, &c. 1 acre of meadow, the 3d part of a mill, 2 runce, 1 ass, 4 cows, &c. and 345 sheep: 9 socmen belonged to it, with one carucate of land, &c. a church, then endowed with 80 acres, the whole then valued at 60*s*. at the survey at 4*l*. *per annum*, was 1 leuca long and an half, and 1 leuca broad, and paid 3*s*. to a 20*s*. gelt, whoever may possess it.[5]

WALTER, who held it at the survey, under the Earl, seems to be the ancestor of the family of *de Burnham; Philip de Burnham* was lord, in the reign of King *Stephen*,[6] and had 2 sons, *William* and *Reginald; William* had a son *Philip*, who was lord in the 30th of *Henry* II. and one of the same name in *Richard* I.; but *William de Burnham* dying without issue in the reign of *Henry* III. this lordship came to Sir *William de Calthorp*, by the marriage of his sister and heir, *Cecilia*, as may be seen in *Harpley*.

Some make the *Burnhams* to descend from a cousin-german of *Hamelin Plantaginet* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, but as that Earl lived in the reigh of *Henry* II. and *Richard* I. and as the *Burnhams* were lords long before their reigns, it is more probable that *Walter* was their ancestor.

In the 55th of *Henry* III. Sir *William de Calthorp* and *Cecilia* his wife had a charter for a fair at *Burnham*, on the vigil, the day, and the day after, of St. *Peter ad vincula*, and a weekly mercate on *Saturday*, dated at *Westminster*, *July* 24th. *William de Grancourt* had also an interest here, and in the 45th of the aforesaid King, released by fine to Sir *William de Calthorp*, and *Cecilia*, 2 carucates of land, and to the abbot of *Creke*, his right in 15 acres, and 2 parts of a mill, and in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Walter*, son of *William de Grancourt*, confirmed the same.

In the *Calthorp* family it remained till *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Philip*, and sister and heir to *Philip Calthorp*, Esq. brought it, by marriage, to Sir *Henry Parker* of *Erwarton* in *Suffolk*, who had livery of it, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. and Sir *Calthorp Parker* dying seized of it in the 13th of *James* I. *Philip* was found his son and heir, aged 17, and Sir *Philip Parker* presented to the church, as lord, in 1681, and *Peter Lombard*, Esq. in 1715.

On the death of *Peter Lombard*, Esq. it came to the honourable *Horace Walpole*, Esq. by the marriage of ————, one of the daughters and coheirs of the said *Peter*, and is called *Burnham Thorpe* manor, *cum membris, viz. Coldham's* and *Hayward's*.

[5] Tre. Willi. de Warrena. Hund. de Galhou.—In Bruneham Torp. ten. Galt ii. car. terre quas tenuit Tocha T.R.E. ii. car. tre. semp. x. vill et. xxix bord. tc. iii. serv. semp. in dominio ii. car. et. tc. homin. v. carr. modo ii. poss. restaurate ee. silva. ad viii. porc. i. ac. pti. tertia pars i. mol. tc. ii. runc. modo. vi. eti. asin. tc. iiii. an. et modo. et xxviii. porc. et cccxl. et. v. ovs. et. xx. soc. jacent huic. man. de i. car. tre. et ht. ii. car. i. ecclia lxxx. ac. tc. val. lx. sol. et p. modo. iiii. lib. et ht. in longo i. lg. et dim. et i. lg. in lato. et de xx. sol. reddet iii. sol de gelto quicunq. ibi teneat.

[6] See in Harpley.

WINDHAM MANOR PRIORY.

In the 18th of *Edward* I. the prior impleaded *William de Calthorpe*, for breaking his fold, when it was found that he had no liberty of foldage, from the middle of *March* to the feast of St. *John Baptist*.

This, on the dissolution of that house, came to the Crown, and was granted, *February* 12, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, to *John Cajus*, doctor of physick, who gave it to *Cajus* college of *Cambridge*, of which he was master, and in this society it remains.

The tenths were 3*l*. 10*s*.—Deducted 1*l*.—*Burnham Thorp* lete fee to the lord of the hundred, was 2*s*.

WILLIAM, son of *Philip de Candos*, confirmed by deed sans date,[7] all the gifts which *Philip* his father made to the monks of *Castleacre*, and in particular the land that *William Pulchard* held here.

VIRLEY'S MANOR.

Another lordship in this town was, at the survey, in the possession of *Robert de Verley*, held by *Godwin* in King *Edward's* time, and after, by *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, who on his rebellion in the reign of the Conqueror, had forfeited it: one carucate of land belonged to it, eight bordarers, and one servus; there was then one carucate in demean, and one among the men, &c. two freemen resided on this carucate, valued then at 40*s*. at the survey at 30*s*. *per annum*.[8]

ROBERT DE VERLEY held also at the survey a manor at *West Herling*, in the hundred of *Gilcross*, *Dalling* manor in *North Greenhow* hundred, and *Tunstal* in the hundred of *Walesham*.

From *Robert de Verley* this lordship came to the Earl *Warren*, and by a branch of that family to the *Bardolfs*; *Robert* gave by deed, sans dated, to the monks of *Castleacre*, the whole fee and service, which spring in hold of him, in *Burnham*.

WILLIAM DE RISEBY held half a fee here, when an aid was granted in the reign of King *Henry* III. on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor of *Germany*, of the honour of *Wirmegey*; and *Robert Crow* was possessed then of half a fee of the heirs of *Virley*, held of the Earl *Warren*, as it is said.

By the eschaet rolls in the 3d of *Edward* III. *Philip Virley* appears to have died seized of two fees in this town, *Euston*, *Herling*, &c. belonging to the Lord *Bardolf*; *James de Pinkeney* had the moiety of a fee in the 20th of *Edward* III. and at the same time *William, de Calthorp* held half a fee, lately held by *Robert Crowe*, of the heirs of *Virley*, and they of the honour of *Wirmegey*; and that of the Earl *Warren*; and Sir *William Calthorpe* was lord of a whole fee in the 1st of *Henry* IV. held as before-mentioned; so that this lordship became

[7] Regist. Castleacr. fol. 45, &c.

[8] Terre Roberti de Verli hund. de Galhou. In Bruneham Torp ten. Godwinus T. R. E. et p. Radulfus que. se foris fecit, i. car. tre. sep. viii. bor. tc. i. car. tc. in. dnio, i. car. mo. dim. houm. i. car. mo. dim. tc. ii. r. mo. i. tc. CLXXX. ov. mo. xxi. et ii. lib. hoes. manent in hanc car. tre. tc. val. XL. sol. mo. XXX.

united to that of *Burnham Thorp*, and passed with that, as is there mentioned.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a rectory; the present valor is 19*l.* 10*s.*—It contains a chancel, nave with two isles, covered with lead, and a tower with one bell.

In the middle of the church lies a grave-stone ornamented with a rim of brass, thus inscribed,

Will. Calthorp Miles, quondam Dnus. Manerii et Patronus Ecclie. de Brunham omn. Scor. Com. Norff. filius Oliveri Calthorp Militis, et Sibille Uxoris ejus filie -------- sub hoc marmore in Ecclia. predicta requiescent obiit XX. *quarto die Decembris Anno Dni.* M.CCCC.XX. *quor. animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.*

At the upper end of the said stone, are (in two shields) the arms of *Calthorpe*, and St. *Omer;—azure*, a fess between six crosslets, *or*. The arms of *Sibilla*, his 2d wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Edmund de* St. *Omer;* under each shield is a bird standing on a mount with this label, *Pensey de Fyner;* below is the effigies of Sir *William* in armour, between two fillets of brass; on that on his right side,—*Quisquis eris qui transieris, sta, p. lege, p. lora.* The fillet on the left side is reaved, whereon, no doubt was, *Sum quod eris, fueramq; quod es, pro me precor ora.*—A grave stone in memory of *Frances Paston*, daughter of Sir *William Cornwalleys* the younger, by his wife *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *Philip Parker*, the relict of *Thomas Paston*, Esq. and 2d son of Sir *Edmund Paston*, Knt. who died *November* 6, in her 73d year, and in 1675, with the arms of *Paston* impaling *Cornwalleys*. Also,

Hic positæ sunt Exuviæ sanctissimi Viri Philippi Cornwaleys hujus Ecclesiæ quondam rectoris Gulielmi Cornwalleys Militis, filii natu minimi, qui obiit Decemb. 30, 1688.

This on a stone with a brass plate.

One in memory of *Peter Lombard*, son of *Peter*, who died *January* 1, 1717, aged 19. Here are two penons with the arms of *Lombard*, *argent* a chevron between three lions heads erased, *azure*.

A grave-stone in memory of *Francis*, wife of *Samuel Richardson*, clerk, daughter of *Thomas Cornwaleys*, Esq. who died *January* 24, 1684; and one for *Catherine Hoo*, daughter of *Philip Russel*, Gent. who died *March* 9, 1604, wife of *Clement Hoo*, Gent.

It appears, that in the reign of *Edward* I. there was also another church in *Burnham Thorp*, dedicated to St. *Peter*, but at that time consolidated to *Burnham All-Saints*.—*Walter de Grancourt* gave to the monks of *Lewes* these two churches; and in 1229, sentence was given in favour of that prior, for an annual pension of 20*s.* to be paid by the rector of *All-Saints*, formerly called St. *Mary's:* the said *Walter* also gave them a chapel, which stood before his court or house.

PHILIP DE CANDOS gave to the monks of *Castleacre* the tithes of his lordship here. In the 9th of King *Stephen*, *Walter*, son of *Philip*, presented. In the 9th of *Richard* I. *Philip de Burnham* recovered his right of patronage against the prior of *Lewes*, it being found that *Walter*, son of *Philip de Burnham*, presented in the time of King *Stephen*.

It was anciently valued at thirty marks, *Peter*-pence 1*d. ob.*

RECTORS.

Ralph de Cidisterne occurs rector in 1229.

1314, *William de Horseford*, presented by Sir *Walter de Calthorp.*

1317, *Alan de Marham.* *Ditto.*

1330, *John de Kyskington*, by *William*, son of *Walter*, &c.

1334, *Thomas Mathew*, by Sir *Walter*, &c.

1337, *Edmund de Walpole*, by Sir *William Calthorp.*

1357, *John de Cambridge.* *Ditto.*

1364, *Edmund de Calthorp*, by Sir *Oliver de Calthorp*; he was instituted into the church of *All-Saints*, with that of St. *Peter* in the said village, annexed.

1378, *William de Ingoldesthorp.*

William de Rudham occurs rector, 1379.

1398, *Richard Prat*, by Sir *William Calthorp.*

1418, *Ralph Wolman*, alias *Harpley*, to *All-Saints.* *Ditto*

1427, *John Maundevile*, by the King on the minority of the heir of *William Calthorp.*

1441, *Richard Ferrour*, by *William Calthorp*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1467, *Richard Kegyll.* *Ditto.*

1483, *John Dussyng.* *Ditto.*

1506, *John Hedge*, by Sir *Philip Calthorp.*

1510, *Robert Dussing.* *Ditto.*

1540, *William Wingfield*,[9] by *Philip Calthorp*, Esq.

1554, *Peter Stanclyffe* by Sir *William Woodhouse*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of Sir *Philip Calthorp.*

1563, *Hugh Hely.* *Ditto*

1586, *Thomas Stafford*, by the Queen, a lapse.

1587, *Herbert Warde*, by Sir *Philip Parker.*

1643, *Philip Cornwallis.* *Ditto.*

1681, *John Beardmore*, by Sir *Pilip Parker*, Bart.

1715, *Francis Osborne*, by *Peter Lombard*, Esq.

1716, *Samuel Maclanburgh*, by *Peter Lombard*, Esq.

1720, *Thomas Smithson*, by *Peter Lombard*, Esq.

1755, *Edmund Nelson*, A. M. by *Hor. Walpole*, Esq. on *Smithson's* death, and to St. *Albert's* rectory, with the medieties of St. *Margaret*, and *All-Saints.*

Here were the gilds of St. *John Baptist*, and *Allhallows.*

[9] Wingfeld was the last prior of Westacre.

BURNHAM NORTON,

So called from its site, being north of the other BURNHAMS.

POLSTED-HALL MANOR

(Of which see at large in BURNHAM WESTGATE) extended into this town, and took its name from the *Polsteds*, lords of it; Sir *Hugh de Polstede* married *Hawisia*, daughter and coheir of *Hugh de Candois*, lord of *Burnham*, by *Anselina* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William de Grandcourt*; *Juliana*, the other daughter and coheir of *Hugh*, having married, first, *William Jernegan*, and afterwards Sir *William de Gymingham*.

In the 20th of *Henry* III. Sir *Hugh de Polsted* paid ten marks fine for his son *Hugh's* transgression, *Gilbert Bosevil* and *Alan Basset* being his pledges; and in the 14th of *Edward* I. the sheriff of *Norfolk* had a precept to make a just division of the *Polsted* estate, between *Ralph de Hemenhale*, and *Emme* his wife and *John de Gymingham*, in *Burnham Norton*.

John Muriel, parson of *Wortham*, &c. conveyed to Sir *Robert*, son of Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale*, and to *Joan* his wife, this manor, with the advowsons of the churches of St. *Mary*, St. *Margaret* and *All-Saints* in *Burnham*, settled on them and their heirs, in the 4th of *Richard* II.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. Sir *Reginald Braybrook* held it, in right of the Lady *Joan*, his wife, of the honour of *Dover*, by one knight's fee, as did Sir *John Oldcastle*, in the 9th of that King, with the advowsons of St. *Mary*, St. *Margaret*, and *All-Saints*, in *Burnham*, and on his attainder was granted to Sir *John Rothenhale*, then to Sir *Lewes Robsart*, after to *John Fenys*.

On *February* 14, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. *Edward Warner* had a reversionary grant of *Polsted-hall*, with the advowson of the church thereto belonging, in the tenure of *Thomas Fynes*, and his wife, for life; and on *October* 14, in the first of Queen *Mary*, confirmed to him and his heirs male.

Polsted-hall manor, with six appertenances, and other lands, &c. in *Burnham Westgate, Norton, Sutton, Depedale*, &c. bought by Sir *Stephen Soame*, Knt. &c. of *Charles Cornwallis*, &c. *December* 6, in the 14th of King *James* I.

The manor of *Reynham*, or *Lexham's* and after in the *Southwells*, as in *Burnham Westgate*, extended here.

The tenths of this town were 8*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 34*s.*

The canons of *Walsingham* had a lodship in this township, in the 34th of *Henry* III. when that convent was impleaded on account of raising a ditch here, which was found not to be to the injury, or detri-

[1] Rot. Pip. Sussex.

ment of the free tenement, of the parson of the church of *Burnham Norton.*

Lete fee to the lordship of the hundred, 4*s.* 2*d. ob.*

To the church of *Burnham Norton* belonged two medieties or rectories: in the reign of *Edward* I. the heirs of *Polsted* were patrons of one; the rector of this had then a manse, and forty acres of land, called *Robert's* mediety; the other was in the patronage of *Wendling* abbey, and was the mediety of *William;* each was valued at twenty marks, and they paid *Peter*-pence 20*d. ob.* In 1249, *Robert* occurs rector, and about the said time, *William de Gimmingham.*—The present valor of this, with that of St. *Albert,* and *Burnham All-Saints,* is 17*l.* 10*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Margaret,* and stands on an hill, about a mile distant from the town, has a nave, a north and south isle (the church is decayed) covered with lead, and, in a round tower, there is one bell, on which, *Virginis Egregie vocor Campana Marie.*

On the pulpit are painted the four Doctors (as they were called) of the church, *viz.* St. *Augustine,* St. *Ambrose,* St. *Gregory,* and St. *Jerome,* also the portraitures of *John Goldale,* and *Katherine* his wife, and under them, *Orate p.----Johannis Goldale et Katerine Uxoris sue ----fecerunt fieri.*

On the screen *Orate p. aiab; Willi. Groom, et Johanne Consortis sue qui istam fabricam fecerunt depingi in honore------ Anno Dmi. Millo.* CCCC.LVIII. *quor. aiab; propit.----.* Underneath are the portraitures of eight saints, and over the heads of St. *Ethelbert,* and the *Virgin Mary,*——

Rex Ethelberte, mereamur cælica p. Te,
Nos cum prole piâ benedicat Virgo Maria.

In the south isle is a gravestone in memory of *Lydia Thurlow,* wife of *John Thurlow,* Gent. who died *May* 31, 1676. One in memory of *John Thurlow,* Gent. born *December* 24, 1619, died *March* 22, 1684; also for Mr. *William Thurlow,* uncle to the said *John,* who died in 1630, and *Bridget Thurlow,* aunt to *John,* who died 1655, lineally descended of the *Thurlows* of *Burnham Ulp.*—In the north isle a gravestone for *Mary* wife of *Richard Flight,* who died *October* 4, 1680.

In the churchyard an altar tomb of free stone, in memory of *Ann Huntley, wife of Robert Huntley, who died July,* 28 1667, *and for Robert Huntley, who died Nov.* 23, 1686, *aged* 62.

In the upper windows, round the church, are the arms of *Calthorp* and *Bacon,* quarterly, also in the church those of *Hemenhale, De La Pole,* Lord *Scales* impaling *Morley.*

RECTORS.

Simon occurs rector of a mediety in 1278.
1303, *William de Swanton,* by the abbot, &c. of *Wendling.*
1305, *Edmund Pundrick.* *Ditto.*
1321, *Thomas de Kemsek,* by *Philip de Wells,* Knt.
1325, *James de Shireford,* by the abbot, &c.
1327, *William Atte Bek,* by Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale,* Knt.

1348, *Robert le Clerk*, by Sir *Ralph*, &c.
1349, *Nicholas de Fresyngfeld*, by *ditto*.
John Cordwainer.
1354, *John Atte Grene*, by the abbot, &c.
1356, *Edmund Walpole*, by Sir *Ralph*, &c.
1371, *Stephen Hervy*, by Sir *William Hemenhale*.
1390, *Henry Crane*, by the abbot, &c.
1393, *Richard Walding*, by Sir *Reginald Braybrook*, Knt.
1397, *John Baron*, by the abbot, &c.
1398, *Thomas de Norwich*, by *ditto*.
Phil. Polton.
1410, *Walter Howard*, to the north part of the church of St. *Margaret*, by Sir *John Oldcastle* Lord *Cobham*.
1411, *Thomas Creek*, by *ditto*.
1417, *John de Westyng*, by the abbot, &c.

On *August* 5th, 1420. *John* Bishop of *Norwich* united and consolidated the medieties of *Burnham Margaret Norton*, and that of *Burnham Ulp*, with the consent of the abbey of *Wendling*, who had the patronage of them; and in 1422, *November* 17th, *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, at the petition of *Thomas Creik*, rector of the mediety of St. *Margaret*, which *Lewes Robessart*, Lord *Bourcher*, was patron of, united and consolidated to that mediety, the medieties aforesaid, of *Burnham Margaret Norton*, and *Burnham Ulp*, which were void some time, on account of the meanness of them.

1463, *William Bokkyng*, by the abbot, &c. to the mediety of St. *Margaret*, that of *Ulp*, and to the church of St. *Albert* of *Burnham*, united.
Richard Aufyn,
1475, *William Person*, by *William Wade*, Esq. lord, and in right of *Polsted-hall*.
1483, *Richard Barthram*, by the abbot, &c.
1500, *John Dussing*. *Ditto*.
1506, *Hugh Waller*.
1558, *William Cantrell* by *Richard Underwood*, archdeacon of *Norwich*, *hac vice*
1571, *Robert Gittings*, by the King.
1580, *Nicholas Steer*, by *Thomas Hogan*, Esq. 1580.
Nicholas Steere, by the assignees of *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
Anthony Wilkinson.
1633, *Robert Tompson*, by the King.
1639, *Ralph Robarts*. *Ditto*.
1660, *William Franklin*. *Ditto*.
1677, *Samuel Richardson*. *Ditto*.
1690, *William Gough*, by the King and Queen.
1708, *Joseph Osborn*, by the Queen, on the death of *Gough*, to *Burnham*, St. *Albert*, with a moiety of St. *Margaret*, and *All-Saints*.
Henry Spurling.
1724, *Thomas Grome*, to *Burnham* St. *Mary*, and the mediety of St. *Margaret*, and *All-Saints*, by *Thomas Harris*, Esq. on *Spurling's* death.
1729, *Thomas Smithson*, to the medieties aforesaid.

1755, *Edmund Nelson*, on *Smithson's* death, by *Horace Walpole*, Esq.

In this church were the guilds of St. *Margaret* and St. *Nicholas*.

In this town was a priory of *Carmelites* or *White friars*, dedicated to the blessed Virgin *Mary*, and founded by Sir *William Calthorp*, and Sir *Ralph Hemenhale*, in 1241, Ao. 26 *Henry* III.;[2] but it is more probable in the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* I. in the 26th of that King, they had a patent granted them.

In the 27th of *Edward* III. the prior had a patent for three acres to enlarge their manse, or house. *Robert Bale*, the famous historian, was prior of this house; and dying in the reign of *Henry* VII. was here buried.

At the Dissolution, it was valued but 2*l.* 5*s.* 4*d. per annum* as *Dugdale*, and 1*l.* 10*s.* 8*d. ob.* as *Speed*. King *Henry* VIII. in his 33d year, gave to *William* Lord *Cobham*, and *Edward Warner*, the site of this house, &c. to be held of the King in *capite*, with certain messuages about it.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. license was granted to *Joan*, widow of Sir ——— ——— to alien the site of this priory to *William Blenerhasset*; and in the fourth of *Elizabeth*, license granted to *John Blenerhasset*, to alien all the site and priorate to *William Bromfield* and *Thomas Pepys*. In the 19th of that Queen, *November* 28, two acres of concealed lands in *Burnham Norton*, in the tenure of *Francis Cobb*, belonging to the *Carmelite* friars there, were granted to *Edward Grymston*.

BURNHAM OVEREY;

That is, *over the* WATER *or* RIVER.

VEWTRE'S MANOR.

THIS was a beruite, or part of the lordship of *Burnham Westgate*, which was in the Crown, and farmed by *Godric* at the time of the compiling of *Domesday*-book, and granted by King *William* II. to *William de Albini*, his butler, ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel*.[3] *William le Vewtre* seems to be the principal lord of it; who gave in the reign of King *Henry* II. the rectory of the church of St. *Clements* of *Burnham*, to the canons of *Walsingham*, with its churchyard, containing five roods of land; and one of the same name was a witness to the grant of *William de Albini*, the King's butler, in the reign of *Henry* I. of the manor of *Hapesburgh*, to the monks of *Wymondham*, on his foundation of that priory; and by the name of *William le*

[2] Britan. Ant. et Nova, v. 3. p. 406.

[3] Regist. Walsingh. fol. 23.—Reg. Wymond. fol. 81 and 98.

Veuter of *Burnham*, gave also six acres to it; and by the register of *Wymondham*, had a son *Matthew*. In the 3d of *Richard* I. *William de Vealtre* owed 114*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* for his lands in *Burnham*;[4] this *William* left two daughters and coheirs; *Margery*, married to *Richard de Snetterton*; and *Maud*, the other daughter and coheir married *Matthew Balstan*, and had a daughter *Agatha*, who married to *Rodland*, son of *Fabian*, who enfeoffed the prior of *Walsingham* in his right or part. *Ralph de Snetterton* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and was then found to have wreck at sea in *Burnham*. Sir *Thomas de Sniterton* was his son and heir, who, in the 15th of that King, claimed a weekly mercate in *Burnham*; a fair on the vigil, day, and the day after the feast of St. *Margaret*, every year, and free warren in his demean lands.

But, though a principal part of this manor was dismembered, and came to *Snetterton* and *Rodland* as above-mentioned, yet the family of *Veutre* being not extinct, had some interest therein. *Peter le Veutre*, of *Burnham*, lived about the 20th of *Edward* I. and *Lætitia*, his widow, in the 31st of that King; and *William le Veutre* was witness to a deed in the 32d of the said reign. *Robert*, son of *Peter le Veutre*, had a messuage and lands given him by Sir *Thomas de Snitterton*, and after this, *Roger Breton*, and *Alice* his wife, *John de Bintre*, and *Maud* his wife, the prior of *Walsingham*, &c. held here, &c. three fees of the Lord *Tateshale*, as heir to the Earl of *Arundel*, which *Thomas de Snetterton* and his parceners formerly held. *John le Vewtre* occurs 20th *Edward* III. and *Simon Vewtre* was living in the reign of *Richard* II. and *Richard Vewtre*, and *Oliva* his wife in the 3d of *Henry* V. and had an interest herein.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. Sir *Robert Knolls*, Sir *William Calthorp*, *Simon Vewtre*, the prior of *Walsingham*, and *John Leche*, &c. held in *Burnham*, *Holkham*, *Wighton*, &c. three fees of the honour of *Tateshale*.

In the reign of *Edward* IV. *Thomas Giggs* was lord of *Vewtre's* manor; and *Margaret* his widow, by her will dated *August* 13, 1473, bequeaths her body to be buried in the chapel of St. *Mary* the *Virgin*, by her husband, in the church of St. *Clement* of *Burnham*;[5] mentions therein *John* her son, and *Thomas*, and *Alice*, wife of *John Giggs*: and *Thomas Gegges*, as appears by his will, dated *December* 1, 1505, died lord of it, and mentions *Oliva* his wife, his son *John*, *Alianore*, *Agnes*, and *Joan*, his daughters, and was proved *February* 6, in the said year.[6]

By a deed, dated *February* 28, in the 16th of *Henry* VIII. *John Gyggs*, Gent. of *Burnham* St. *Clements* conveys in trust to *Richard Hoo*, Gent. the manor of *Vewsters*, with its appertenances in *Burnham*, St. *Clements*, St. *Andrew*, *Ulpe*, *Sutton*, *Norton*, *Depedale*, St. *Edmunds*, *Westgate*, *Holkham*, *Wighton*, and *Warham*; *John* to have it for life, and after to *Agnes* his wife, an annuity of 10*l.* *per annum* for her life. This *Richard Hoo* married ———, sister of *John Gygges*, which *John* died *March* 30, in the 6th of *Edward* VI. and had, by *Agnes* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Barry*, *Susan* his daughter and heir, married to *Humphrey Dene* of *Wigenhale*,

[4] Rot. Pip. 3 Rich. I.
[5] Regist. Belings Norw.
[6] Regist. Ryx. Norw.

whose daughter and heir, *Anne*, became wife to *Thomas Hoo*, (son of *Richard Hoo* above-mentioned, of *Scarning*, where a pedigree of this family may be seen,) and the said *Anne* dying without issue, her husband, *Thomas*, enjoyed by deed of settlement this lordship; and by *Margaret* his second wife, daughter of *Clement Palgrave* of *Northwood Berningham*, had *Richard Hoo*, Esq. his son and heir, aged nine years on his father's death, in the 13th of *Elizabeth*. About this time there belonged to this lordship six messuages, six gardens, as many orchards, 300 acres of land, twenty of meadow eighty of pasture, fifty of furze and heath, 40*s*. rent *per ann.* free warren, and liberty of fold-course, in *Burnham, Overy, Sutton, Norton, Westgate*, and *Ulpe*; the aforesaid *Richard* died seized of it in the ——— of King *Charles*.

Peter Lombard, Esq. was lord in 1740: on whose death it came, by the marriage of *Mary* his daughter and coheir, to the honourable *Horace Walpole*, Esq. after, Lord *Wolterton*.

The site of this manor was in the south part of *Overy*-street, alias Church-gate, or East-gate, beginning at the several fishery of *Vewters*, was well built, enclosed with a stone wall, and contained about three acres, and a several fishery belonged to it.

POMFRET'S MANOR

Was formerly a part of the manor of *Vewter's*, and taken out of it on the division of it; Sir *Robert Knolles*, Knt. settled it by a fine, levied on the 6th of *Henry* IV. on *John Drew*, clerk, his trustee, with *Sculthorp*, and other manors; and in the 10th of that king it was settled by *Drew* on *John Stedman*, the master, and the chaplains of the college of the Holy Trinity of *Pontifract* in *Yorkshire*, from whence it took its name;[7] called also *Knolle's* alms-house, being founded by him.

On its dissolution it came to the Crown, and was granted *May* 17, *Ao.* 4to. *Edward* VI. to Sir *William Fermer*, and Sir *Richard Fulmerston*.

John Ladyman was lord of it in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, and in a roll then dated, *Edward Martyndale* was living in the site of it, with the marsh against it, and he is called late lord of *Pomfreyts*.

Sir *Philip Parker* was lord of it in the 7th of *Charles* I. and one of the same name had livery of it about the 20th of *Elizabeth*.—The lete fee of this manor to the lord of the hundred was 9*d*.

Peter Lombard, Esq. in 1740, and the honourable *Horace Walpole*, Esq. is the present lord, 1750.

HALL-CLOSE MANOR.

The *Calthorps* had an interest or lordship in this town, in the reign of *Henry* III. and in the 14th of *Edward* I. a precept was directed to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to make division between the manors of Sir *Ralph Hemenhale*, and *Emme* his wife, and *John de Gymingham*, in *Burnham Norton*, and the manor of Sir *William Calthorp*, and *Cecilia*

[7] Pat. 2. m. 24.

his wife, in *Burnham* St. *Clements*, *William* and *Cecilia* having appropriated 110 acres of marsh of their inheritance; and in the 35th of that King, Sir *Walter de Calthorp* was found, and *Roger Breton*, *John de Bintre*, &c. to hold in *Burnham*, &c. fees of the heirs of the Lords *Tateshale*, who held in *capite*; in this family it remained, till *Edward Calthorp* of *Kirby Cane*, Esq. son and heir of *Edward Calthorp*, Esq. second son of Sir *William Calthorp*, by his second wife *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, Knt. of *Ingham*, in *Norfolk*, sold the reversion of several lands, parcel of this manor, held for life by *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Berney* of *Redeham*, Esq. wife of *William Calthorp*, Esq. second son of Sir *William* aforesaid, by *Elizabeth* his first wife, daughter of the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*; and in the 36th of that King, on *May* 1st, for 203*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* he sold to *Robert Jenyson* of *Burnham Westgate*, Gent. his manors of *Halclose* and *Games*, with the advowsons of churches, courts, letes, six messuages, 140 acres of land, twelve of meadow, ten of pasture, two of wood, twelve of heath, forty of marsh, and 120*s.* rent, with a water-mill, called *Flud's* mill, in *Burnham Overey*, *Thorp*, *Sutton*, *Westgate*, *Norton*, *Depedale*, &c. all which *Elizabeth Calthorp*, widow of *William Calthorp*, Esq. deceased, held for life.

On the 30th of *March*, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip and Mary*, *Robert Jenyson*, Gent. sold to *Thomas Hoo*, lord of *Vewters*, the site of the manor of *Halclose* lying next the garden of the said *Thomas Hoo*.

Peter Lombard, Esq. was lord in 1740, and it came, on his death, to the honourable *Horace Walpole*, by the marriage of his daughter and coheir.

WALSINGHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Hubert Brisworth lived in King *John's* time, and gave lands and tenements to this priory; and *William de Brisworth* occurs in the 10th of *Richard* I. and had lands here.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior held 40 acres, with the church of *Burnham* St. *Clements* of the fee of the Earl of *Arundel*, also 4 acres in *Burnham*, of the gift of *Ralph de Loges*, and in the 34th and 35th of that King, there was a controversy between *Thomas*, son of *Richard de Snetterton*, and others, for disseizing him of his free tenement in this town: *Thomas* says, that *Matthew Balstan* formerly held a messuage of *William le Vewtre*, (lord of the town,) his ancestor, who left *Maud* and *Margery*, his daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, by *Balstan* had *Agatha*, married to *Rodland*, son of *Fabian*, who infeoffed the, prior of his part, and *Margery* had issue, the said *Thomas de Snetterton*, and the prior recovered his right; at the same time the right of advowson of the vicarage, of the church of St. *Clement's* of *Burnham*, was contested, and the King directed his writ of prohibition to the official of the Bishop of *Norwich*, to hinder him from giving judgment about it in the ecclesiastical court; for that determining the right of advowsons of churches belonged to the King's crown and dignity; and the jury find that the vicarage was of the yearly value of 24 *marks*.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. the prior was to do homage to *Symon de Felbrigge*, for lands and tenements in *Burnham*, (called *Brysworthy's*

fee,) at *Hingoldon*, and to pay to him 6*d. per ann.* also homage to the Lord *Cromwell*, and to pay relief for lands held of *Vewtry's* manor, 11*s.* 1*d.* The family of *Underburgh* held lands of the prior, as appears by an action brought against *Julian*, widow of *Robert Underburgh*, for the wardship of *John*, his son and heir; and in the 19th of *Richard* II. the prior held here the fourth part of a fee of Sir *Constant. de Clifton*; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. three fees in *Burnham*, of the heirs of *Robert Fitz-John* belonging to *Thomas Mowbray*, Earl-Marshal; and, in 1428, the temporalites of the priory in this town were valued at 6*l.* 14*s.* 11*d. q.*

In the reign of *Philip* and *Mary*, this, with the great close, and rectory thereto belonging, and the manor of *Lathes*, in *Burnham*, was in the Crown: this I take to be the manor called *Leches*, which Sir *Richard de Walsingham* passed by fine, in the 19th of *Edward* III. to *Henry Chamberlayne* of *Landbeach* in *Cambridgeshire*, with two messuages, and several lands in this town, *Burnham-Sutton*, *Westgate*, &c. which *John de Arches*, and *Agnes* his wife, held in dower; and in the 43d of that King, was conveyed by *John Leche* of *Egmere*, clerk; and *John*, son of *Simon Chamberlayne*, conveyed the 4th part of two messuages, 160 acres of land, four of meadow, four of marsh, and 40*s.* rent, in *Burnham*, &c. which *Margaret*, widow of *John Reynald*, held for life, to *John Leche* of *Egmere*, clerk, who, in the said year, purchased the other three parts of *Edmund Creed*, and *Alice* his wife, and *Maud*, daughter of *Simon Chamberlain*.

At the Dissolution it came to the Crown; *John Watts* farmed it, with the rectory of St. *Clements*, at 10*l. per ann.* in 1590; and in the reign of King *Charles* I. the fee farm rent of it was 16*l.* 19*s.* 11*d. q.* besides 1*l.* 17*s.* 3¼*d.* profits of court *per ann.*

The manor of *Burnham Lathes* was in *Thomas Thurlow*, with the rectory of the church of St. *Clements*.

PETERSTON PRIORY OR HOSPITAL.

This priory was in the parish of St. *Clements*, of *Burnham Overey*. *Robert*, son of *Arnold de Munteny*, granted, by fine, in the 54th of *Henry* III. to *Jeffry*, the prior of *Peterston*, five roods of meadow, and 20*d.* rent, with a moiety of the advowson of the church of *Beeston*. *Roger de Somerton*, and *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Agnes le Moyne*, sued the prior for an acre of land here, in the 34th of *Henry* III. In the 29th of *Edward* I. a patent was granted to the priors of *Petriston* and *Westacre*, for an exchange of lands; and by a patent granted in the 11th of *Edward* II. we learn, that the priory was for canons of the order of St. *Augustin*.

It appears, that there was a controversy between the canons of *Walsingham*, who had the church of St. *Clement's* of *Burnham* appropriated to them, and *Thomas*, prior of the hospital of St. *Peter de Petra* in *Burnham*; that whereas the prior and convent of *Walsingham* had granted to the master and brothers of the hospital a free chantry in their chapel, or oratory, at *Burnham*, with right of burial in their churchyard, within the parish of *Burnham* St. *Clement's*, for the bro-

[s] Regist. Walsingh. fol. 130. &c.

therhood, for which they were to pay a mark of silver yearly to the prior: on the refusal of the payment, it was recovered, with the arrears thereof, against the master and brethren aforesaid. The lands belonging to the prior of *Walsingham*, called *Grab-hall* lands, were to pay 25*s.* in the name of a relief, and the prior to do homage for them to the Earl of *Arundel*, containing eighty acres, valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* and were bought, or given to them by Sir *Edmund de Reynham*, Knt.

Roger occurs prior in 1299, as appears from an agreement then made between him and *John*, the prior of *Castleacre*. See in *West-Lexham*.

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Simon Barret*, &c. alienated to the prior, one messuage, twenty-six acres, and a rood of land, in this town, *Burnham Thorpe*, and *Holkham*.

Dionysius was prior of the church of St. *Peter* of *Petryston*, as appears by his letters of attorney, to deliver to *Oliver Groos*, *Richard Boson*, Esq. and *John*, rector of the church of *Bayfield*, lands in *West-Lexham*, dated at *Petristom*, in the chapter-house, *January* 5, in the 7th year of *Henry* VI.

PRIORS of PETERSTON.

Simon occurs prior in the 32d of *Henry* III.
Godfrey, or *Geffrey*, in the 54th of that King.
Roger, in the 56th.
1308, *Eust. de Barsham*, admitted prior.
1314, *Warine de Repps.*
1324, *Thomas de Warham.*
1339, *Thomas de Warham.*
1349, *John de Holkham.*
Roger de Briningham.
1365, *John Massingham.*
1376, *John de Dunton.*
1393, *William Bryght.*
1396, *Dionys. de Warham.*
1433, *Richard Hulme.*

Before the year 1200, here was a house of canons of the order of St. *Austin*, under the patronage of St. *Peter*, subordinate to the monastery of *Walsingham*; the founder is unknown, but was probably one of the ancestors of the *Cheneys*, which family had the patronage of it, and came from them to the *Claverings* Lord *Dacres*, &c.

The temporalities of this priory in *Burnham* St. *Clement's*, in rent of land, a mill, &c. were valued in 1428, at 4*l.* 4*s.* 1*d. q.* all their temporalities were valued in the said year, at 20*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* and all their spiritualities, at 27*l.* 4*s.* 2*d. q. William de Westacre*, chancellor of *Norwich*, on his death, in 1418, gave to the repair of St. *Peter's* chapel here, 20*s.*

In the 28th of *Henry* VI. the prior of *Walsingham* had a grant of the site, or place of the priory, or hospital of *Peterston*, in *Burnham* St. *Clement's*, so that it was united to the aforesaid priory, by a grant of the King, and confirmed by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

Peterston seems to have been an hamlet to *Burnham* St. *Clement's*,

and was charged separately for its tenths, at 2*l.* 4*s.* out of which 14*s.* were deducted.

At the general dissolution of religious houses, it came to the Crown, and was granted *April* 11th, in the 4th year of *Edward* VI. to *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich* and his successours, and is held of that see by lease.

It belonged, as *Spleman* says,[9] about the end of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, to *Richard Manser*, Gent. who had much suit and quarrel with *Firmine Gray*, about a lease of it, and died without issue, disposing of it by will, to *Roger Manser*, his brother, who was deprived of it by —— *Armiger*, of *North Creak*, who married *Richard Manser's* sister, and left it to *William Armiger*, his son and heir, who sold it, to secure the title, to the Lord Chief Justice *Coke*.

When this priory was united to *Walsingham*, in the 28th of *Henry* VI. the Bishop of *Norwich* reserved to himself and successours all churches belonging to the said priory, the Bishop paying to the King his tenths, when they should happen, and *Walsingham* to pay tenths for the temporalities of that priory.

WINDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

William le Veutre, lord of *Burnham*, granted to this monastery 6 acres of land and an half, for the soul's health of King *Henry* I. and of *William* his butler, and of *William* Earl of *Arundel*,[1] his lord, with the homages of his men; and *Mathew*, son of *William de Burnham*, gave them lands, and a portion of tithe: the church of St. *Clement's* belonged to them, valued in 1428, at 9 *marks per annum*.

Concealed lands here, lately belonging to this priory, granted in the 13th of *Elizabeth*, to *Richard Hill* and *Robert Dunne*, on *June* 11th, in fee farm at 35*l.* 10*s.* 4*d. ob. per annum* with the portion of tithes of 9 *marks*, in the tenure of *William Pepys*; and *February* 19th, in the 16th of *Elizabeth*, granted to *Christopher Fenton* and *Bernard Gylpyn*.

JOHN THURLOWE, Gent. of this parish, had an estate herein, and dying *July* 7th, 1583, left by *Amia* his wife, *Thomas* his son and heir, who dying *April* 10th, 1618, left by *Dinah*, his wife, (afterwards remarried to *Nicholas Smith,*) *John Thurlow*, Gent. who by an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *July* 23d, in the 7th of *Charles* I. was found to die seized of 2 messuages and 34 acres of land, in this town, *August* the 10th, 1631, held of Sir *Philip Parker*, of his manor of *Pomfrets*, by fealty, of 19 acres of marsh land, held of the King, in capite, and of 2 messuages and 30 acres in *Burnham*, *Burnham Thorp*, &c. *John* was found to be his son and heir, then an infant, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of —— *Salter*.

On the 19th of *November*, 1664, Sir *Edward Byshe* granted a patent to *John Thurlow*, of *Burnham Overy*, a great traveller many years, in several parts of *Europe*, *America*, *Africa*, &c. for these arms: — *azure*, a *Jacob's* staff between three stars, *or*; crest, an anchor erect, *gules*, the cable *or*.

The tenths of this town were 10*l.*; deducted 3*l.* 14*s.*

The portion of tithes abovementioned came afterwards to *Nicholas*

[9] Hist. of Sacrilege, p. 240. [1] Regist. Wymondh. fol. 98.

Mynne of *Little Walsingham*, who gave it to *Caius* college in *Cambridge*, and for which a yearly rent of sixteen quarters of barley is paid.

The temporalities of the priory of *Lewes* in this town were in 1428, 30*s. per annum.*

The CHURCH of *Burnham Overey* is dedicated to St. *Clement;* churches so dedicated may be observed for the most part to be always seated near some water, river, or sea; it was formerly a rectory valued at 30 *marks* and 10*s.* and being granted by *William Vewtre*, lord of the manor of that name, to the priory of *Walsingham*, was thereto appropriated, and a vicarage settled, valued at 6 *marks* and an half; the present valor being 8*l.*

King *Henry* III. in his 39th year, confirmed it to them.

The church is built in a conventual manner, the steeple being between the nave or body, and the chancel; and has also a south isle, which with the nave is covered with lead, and the chancel is tiled, and in the tower, which is foursquare, is one bell.

In the church lie several gravestones in memory of the *Thurlows.* One with a brass plate.

Pray for the soule of Katheryn Thurlow, whych dyed in the yere of our Lord 1517.—*Pray for the soule of Thomas Thyrlowe, which dyed in* 1516.

One

In memory of Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Thyrlow, of Thorpe, Gent: who dyed Jan. 29, 1678, *and buried by Thomas, his grandfather, she dyed Nov.* 30, 1679, *and left only* 2 *daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.*

A monument against a pillar,

Thomas Walker Armiger, Interioris Templi, Londini Socius in Ao. 1706, *Thesaurarius, subtus jacet obiit* 26, *die Augusti Ao. Domi.* 1707, *Ætatis suæ* 61; and these arms; *argent*, a chevron between three crescents, *azure*, on a canton, a martlet ----

On a north pillar by the steeple a monument,

In memory of Ann, the wife of Robert Blyford Gent: who dyed March 10, 1672, *aged* 35. *Also of Robert Blyford, Gent: who dyed Nov.* 8, 1704, *aged* 70 *years and* 3 *months: they had issue, Henry, Mary, Ann, Robert &c.* and this shield, quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, on a bend *sable*, three mullets of 1st, impaling a chevron between three.

A grave-stone for,

John Watts, Gent: who died Apr. 25, 1677; and for *Thomas Watts, and Dorothy his wife; Thomas, died* 6 *of Feb.* 1693, *aged* 60, *she Oct.* 1695, *aged* 62.

One for

Thomas Blyford of Burnham Overy, Gent: who died Feb. 1687, *aged* 64 *years.*

In the chancel, one for

Henry Blyford, son and heir of Robert Blyford late of Burnham Overy Gent: by Ann his wife, daughter of Henry Thurlow who mar-

ried Jane eldest daughter of James Willis, of Brancaster, merchant, by Amy, second daughter of Henry Woodrow, of Burnham Westgate, merchant, a man in all respects truly deserving, being strictly just, temperate, and good, died March 18, 1712, *in his* 49 *year;* with the arms of *Blyford* impaling *Willis,* per fess, *argent* and *gules,* three lions rampant counterchanged, in a bordure, *ermin.*

Another

In memory of Mary Mott, daughter of Robert Blyford, of Burnham Overey, Gent: by Anne his wife, she had two husbands, John Thurston, Esq, by whom she lyeth, and had a son John surviving &c. her second husband, Edmund Mott, doctor of physick, who lyeth intombed in New Walsingham church, and had issue by him, Edmund, Mary and John, who only survived. She died May 24, 1702, *aged* 40; with the arms of *Thurston* Esq. *sable,* three bugle horns *or,* stringed *azure.*

Also one

In memory of John Thurston, Esq. son of John Thurston, of Hoxne, in Suffolk, Esq, who died March 9, 1687, *aged* 57 *years and ten weeks &c.*

On a grave-stone, with two Angels holding a crown, and under it, *Ecce Præmium.*

And,

Expecting the resurrection of the Just, here resteth the body of Mrs; Jane Harris, who died 18 *of July* 1648.

Here lyeth Elizabeth Southwell, daughter of Sir Thomas Southwell, Kt. and the Lady Margery, his wife, who died in the calends of March 1618.

The church was granted by *William de Veautre,* as has been observed, to the priory of *Walsingham,* and appropriated thereto, and had a manse, with 28 acres of land, valued at 30 *marks,* and 10*s.;* it was served by a vicar, who had not either a manse, or land belonging to it; the vicarage was valued at 6 *marks* and an *half;* the prior of *Wymundham* had a portion of tithe valued at 9 *marks per ann.* Peterpence 12*d.*

VICARS.

Robert occurs vicar in the 12th of *Edward* I.
1300, *Richard Gloz,* presented by the prior and convent of *Walsingham.*
1309, *Robert de Thorp. Ditto.*
1314, *John de Burnham. Ditto.*
John Skil.
1331, *Jeffrey Bures. Ditto.*
1349, *Roger de Riburgh. Ditto.*
1358, *Robert Leycot. Ditto.*
1360, *Robert Bate. Ditto.*
1379, *Simon de Nydd. Ditto.*
1390, *John Merch. Ditto.*
1404, *John Banyngham. Ditto.*

1408, *William Warbour.* Presented by the prior, &c.
1414, *John Wygenhale. Ditto.*
1416, *Robert Hosteler. Ditto.*
1421, *Thomas Lawe. Ditto.* And instituted into the church of St. *Andrew* annexed to it.

On *July* 22, 1421 *John* Bishop of *Norwich* united and consolidated the church and vicarage of *Burnham* St. *Andrew*, to this of St. *Clement*, on the petition, &c. of the prior and convent of *Walsingham*, patrons of it; and in the space of a year, the prior, &c. built a good bridge, for travellers on the high way from St. *Andrews* to St. *Clement's* parish.

1429, *John Fox. Ditto.*
1432, *William Dykkes. Ditto.*
1440, *Edmund Batele. Ditto.*
1447, *Robert Salle. Ditto*, with the church of St *Andrew* annexed, presented by *Thomas*, the prior, &c. of *Walsingham.*
1449, *Henry Barker,*
1461, *Sim. Comyn. Ditto.*
1487, *John Marshall,* by the prior of *Walingham*, to St. *Clement's* and St. *Andrew's*
1494, *John Browing. Ditto.*
1525, *William Harbotill. Ditto.*
1545, *Christopher Yaxley*, by the King.
1547, *Thomas Skelton*, by *William Sterling*, by a grant of the next turn, from the prior, &c.
1555, *Nicholas Chapman*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1565, *William Elye*, by the Queen.
1592, *John Clarkson*, by the Queen.
1605, *John Wyld*, by the King.
1635, *Stephen Basset. Ditto.*
1664, *Robert Briggs. Ditto.*
1701, *Andrew Smith. Ditto.*
1705, *Joseph Osborn*, by the Queen.
1729, *Gaven Graves*, by the King.
1742, *Thomas Groom*, occurs rector.
1743, *Samuel Alstan*, by the King.
1758, *John Offley*, A. M. by the King.
1758, *Robert Styleman*, by the King, on *Offley's* resignation.

Here was the chapel of our Lady in this church. St. *John* Baptist and St. *Clement's* gilds, the Sepulcher light, and that of Our Lady.

BURNHAM ST. ANDREW.

In this church there were 4 portions; the prior of *Walsingham* was patron of three, and the prior of *Peterston* had the patronage of the fourth; the rector had a manse, with 20 acres, valued at 30*s.* and paid *Peter*-pence 3*d. ob. Robert de Brisworth* gave two parts to the aforesaid priory.

1309, *William de Elmham*, presented by the prior and convent of *Walsingham.*

1314, *Robert Mitchel. Ditto.*

1349, *John de Hoo. Ditto.*

1398, *Richard Gode. Ditto.*

1400, *John Clerk. Ditto.*

1447, *Robert Salle*, presented on the death of *Edmund Bateyl*, to St. *Clement's Burnham*, and St. *Andrew's* church annexed, by the prior.

The patronage is in the Crown.

The manor of *Raynham*, or *Lexham*, in *Burnham Westgate*, extended here

BURNHAM SUTTON,

So called from its site, lying south of the other towns. The manor of *Virleys*, held at the survey by *Robert de Virli*, of which see in *Burnham Thorp*, extended into this town.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Robert Crow* held half a fee of the heirs of *Virley*, they of the heirs of *Hugh Bardolf*, who held of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of the King, in *capite.*

John de Arches and *Agnes* his wife, and *Henry Neel*, held half a fee, in the 20th of *Edward* III. which *Richard de Walsingham*, formerly was seized of, and *Christian* his wife.

In the 22d of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Henry Sacheverell*, Knt. conveyed by fine, to Sir *John Heydon*, &c. the manor of *Donnellys*, or *Davellis*, with 4 messuages, and lands in this town, *Burnham Norton, Westgate, Ulp*, &c.

Francis Cobbe had a præcipe, in the 7th of *Elizabeth*, to render to *Jeff. Cobbe*, the manor of *Donnel*; and by an inquisition taken at *Fakenham, October* 8th, in the 24th of the said reign, *Francis Cobb*, Gent. of *Burnham Norton*, was found to die seized of the manor of *Donnells*, or *Danyels*, held of the lordship of *Burnham Thorp*, in free soccage; of divers lands in *Burnham Norton, Westgate, Depedale*, &c. held of the manor of *Polstede*-hall, in free soccage; the lordship of

Burton Lazars, in *Burnham Sutton*, &c. held in soccage; lands and tenements, *Westhill's*, &c. late *Henry Warner's*, Esq. held of the King in *capite*, by the 100th part of a fee.

The manor of *Polstede-hall*, of which see in *Burnham Westgate*, extended into this town; of the lords of it, see a full account there, as did the manor of *Reynham*, and *Lexham's*.

The priory of *Walsingham* had a lordship here, *Crab-hall*, which was granted on the 30th of *July*, in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Thomas Heneage*, and *Ann* his wife, in consideration of the manor of *Legborne*, with the rectory, and the site of the priory of *Legborne*, conveyed by them to the Queen; the fee farm rent of it was in Sir *Charles Cornwallis*, in 1603.

This manor of *Crab-hall* was afterwards in the *Thurlows*.

The tenths 4*l.*—Deduction 1*l.* 3*s.* *Burnham Sutton* and *Ulpe* lete fee to the lord of the hundred 3*s.*

The CHURCH has a square tower, with one bell, dedicated to St. *Albert*, or *Ethelbert*.

In the church two stones thus inscribed;

Hier light Tomas Colmandrould.

The abbot of *Ramsey* was patron: the rector had a manse, in the time of *Edward* I. with 7 acres, valued with the portion of the prior of *Walsingham*, in the said church, at 10 *marks*; the abbot of *Ramsey* had also a portion, valued at one *mark*, and the prior of *Castleacre*, one, valued at 20*s.* and the rector paid both the pensions. The prior of *Wymondham* had also a portion of tithe from the demean, valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* and the abbot of *Ramsey* received yearly of the rector, by the name of a pension, 20*s.* *Peter*-pence 10*d.*

Simon Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed in 1265, to the prior of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithes of the demeans, of *Philip de Burnham*, *William de Grancourt*, *John Fitz Ralph*, *Hugh de Polstede*, and *William de Gymingham*.

RECTORS.

1278, *John de Wethersfield* occurs rector.
1305, *William de Colton*, by the abbot and convent of *Ramsey*.
1311, *Walter de Forthington*. *Ditto*.
1313, *Hugh Tracy*. *Ditto*
William Botiller.
1332, *William de Barton*.
1349, *Adam de Leveryngton*, by the King, in the vacancy of the abbey of *Ramsey*.
1377, *Thomas Hannok*, by the abbot, &c.
1383, *Richard Atteston*. *Ditto*.
1387, ——— *de Norton*. *Ditto*.
1398, *Sim. de Bury*. *Ditto*.
1411, *Robert Metton*. *Ditto*.
1414, *John Taylor*. *Ditto*.
1422, *Thomas Fyth*. *Ditto*.
1424, *John Mey*. *Ditto*.
1430, *Ralph Fouldon*. *Ditto*.

1449, *William Luys*, by the Bishop's vicar-general, a lapse.
Here were the guilds of St *Albert* and *Erasmus*.
Nicholas Steere, S. T. B. occurs rector 1603, Sir *Charles Cornwallis* then patron.
1729, *Thomas Smithson*, to St. *Albert*, and the medieties of St. *Margaret's* and *All-Saints Burnham*, by the King.
Edmund Nelson, in 1755, on the death of Mr. *Smithson*, and to the said medieties.

BURNHAM ULP, ALL-SAINTS.

THIS town takes the additional name of *Ulfe* or *Ulpe* from its site, near the river, as *Ulferton*, or *Wolferton*, in *Frebridge* hundred, of which see there, and not from *Ulfus*, who was lord of a manor in *Burnham Westgate*, which lordship was in the King, at the survey, and afterwards in the *Albins* family, Earls of *Arundel*; but this was of a different fee and tenure; *Hugh de Montfort* had the grant of it, on the expulsion of *Bond*, a *Saxon* thane, and was a member, or part of *Polstede-hall*, and had the same lords; of whom I have treated at large in *Burnham Westgate*

Edmund de Kemseck and *Petronella*, his wife, granted to *Emma*, daughter of *Robert le Moyne*, a moiety of this church, or the patronage, in the 12th of *Edward* I.

Here is no steeple, a little bell hangs without the church, at the west end.
On a grave-stone, with a brass plate,

Orate p. aia. Robti. Haywarde, qui obiite XIX *Die mes. Februarii Anno Dni.* M°. CCCCLXXXXII *cuj. &c.*

The arms of *Calthorp*, in a south window.
In the church-yard are grave-stones in memory of

William Neve, Gent: who died Dec. 7, 1657.——*Of Bridget Tayler, wife of Robert Tayler, Gent: daughter of William Neve, Gent: and Catherine his wife, she died March* 9, 1659.

The manor of *Reynham* or *Lexham*, as in *Burnham Westgate*, extended here.
To this church of *All-Saints* belonged two medieties; the abbot of *Wendling* was patron of one mediety, the rector of which had a manse, with 30 acres of land; *Hugh de Polstede* was patron of the other, and the rector had also a manse, and 30 acres; each moiety was valued at 7 *marks*; the one was called *Ralph's* mediety, the other *Thomas's*. *Peter*-pence 6*d*.

RECTORS.

Mr. *Ralph de Oxford* occurs rector of one mediety, and *Thomas* of the other, in 14th of *Edward* I.

In 1288, *John* occurs rector.

1311, *Nicholas de Sutton*, presented by the abbot of *Wendling*.

1313, *Sym. de Stylton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1313, *Robert de Stradesete*, by the abbot, &c.

1316, *Peter de Coudray*. *Ditto*.

1332, *Robert Trot*, by *John*, son of Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale*.

1339, *Stephen de Rughton*, by *John de Hemenhale*.

1340, *John Attehinde*. *Ditto*.

John Prentice occurs rector, 1327.

1346, *Godman de Brunham*, by the abbot, &c.

1358, *Roger de Ryburghe*. *Ditto*.

1361, *William de Sharington*. *Ditto*

1372, ——— *de Eccles*.

1372, *Robert de Bernwell*. *Ditto*.

1382, *Roger Ketering*, by *Katherine de Hemenhale*.

John Atte Lound died rector of a mediety, before *September*, in this year, and wills to be buried in this church, before St. *Catherine's* altar.

1382, *John Howes*, by the abbot, &c.

1408, *John Fenkele*, by Sir *John Oldcastle* Lord *Cobham*.

1410, *John Bakere*. *Ditto*.

1411, *John Haukere*. *Ditto*.

1724, *Thomas Grome*, to *All-Saints, Ulpe, Westgate*, &c. *T. Harris*, Esq. patron.

1742, *William Smith*, to *ditto*, by *Everilda Thornhill*, spinster.

Here were the gilds of St. *John Baptist*, St. *James*, St. *Cather.* of the Resurrection, and St. *Erasmus*.

BURNHAM WESTGATE.

Hugh de Montfort was lord of a considerable manor, in *Burnham*, at the survey, (which I take to be that abovementioned) which Bond, a *Saxon* thane, held in King *Edward's* reign; and *Hugh* was infeoffed of it, by *Hugh de Montfort*. It contained, in Bond's time, 2 carucates of land, 14 bordarers, 2 carucates in demean, one amongst the men, &c. 1 acre of meadow, a mill, a salt-pit, &c. and 7 socmen had 60 acres of land, and 1 carucate, valued then at 4*l*. and the same at the survey: it pays 3*s*. gelt in this hundred, and is measured in another.[2]

[2] Hund. de Brodercross. —Tra. Hug. de Monteforti. in Bruneham, ten. ide.

POLSTEDE-HALL

Stood in a close, which retains its name at this time. It took its name from the lords of it. Sir *Hugh de Polstede* married *Hawys*, daughter of *Hugh de Candois*, lord of *Burnham-Mercate*, and coheir, by *Anselina* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William de Grandcourt: Julian*, the other daughter and coheir, married *William de Gymingham*, and in the 7th of King *John*, they recovered one carucate of land, as heirs to *William de Grandcourt*, against *Walter de Grandcourt:* this Sir *Hugh* gave, by deed *sans date*, to the monks of *Castleacre*, for the soul of *Hawys* his wife, a piece of land in St. *Margaret's* parish, at *Beresmere*, by *Depedale; witnesses*, Sir *Thomas de Sniterton*, Sir *William de Gimingham*, &c.

Sir *Hugh de Polsted* and Sir *William de Gimingham* were found to hold two fees of the honour of *Haughley*, when an aid was granted on the marriage of King *Henry* the Third's sister to the Emperor of *Germany;* and in the 20th of *Henry* III. gave 25*l.* relief, for 5 knights fees, which he held of the King; and in the 26th of that King, paid 5 *marks* fine, for not attending the King into *Gascoyn;* he was son of Sir *Hugh*, by *Hawys* aforesaid, against whom *Walter de Grandcourt* brought an action in the 1st year of King *John*, for making *Julian*, his wife's sister and coheiress, a nun, (she being in his custody,) that so he might enjoy the inheritance of the said *Julian;* but it appears, that she afterward married *William Jernegan*, and in the 10th of that King, *Hugh de Polstede* and *Hawys* his wife, *William Jernegan* and *Julian* his wife, divided the estate, which came to them, as heirs to the *Grandcourts*, and the said *Julian* was remarried to Sir *William de Gymingham.*

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *John de Polsted*, and *Edmund*, son of *William de Gymingham*, were lords; and in his 50th year, *Hugh de Polsted* died, seized of a lordship here, containing 166 acres of land in demean, the medieties of the advowsons of two churches; and *Hawisia* aged 22, *Petronilla* 18, and *Roesia* 14 years old, were his heirs: this *Hugh* granted to the monks of *Waverley* in *Surry*, his manor of *Compton*, in 1260; *witnesses*, Sir *William Branche*, Sir *Hugh de Ross*, Knts. *Stephen*, prior of the convent of *Christ's* church in *London*, granted to *Hugh de Polsted*, by deed *sans date*, their land near the *Thames*, which *William* the priest held of them, who conveyed it to *Hugh*, for 19 *marks*, and the said *Hugh* gave the prior 2*s.* and the convent one sextary of *London* measure (*unum sextarium Londinensem*) of wine; and in the 51st of the said King, *Petronell* and *Rose*, daughters and heirs of *Hugh de Polsted*, had a right in the patronage of the church of *Burnham All-Saints*, and in that of *Polstede* in *Suffolk.*

In the 12th of *Edward* I. *Edmund de Kemesek* and *Petronella* his wife, daughter and coheir abovementioned, grant to *Emme*, daughter

qm. ten. Bond. lib. ho. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. semp. xiiii. bor. sep. in dnio. ii. car. tc. houm. i. car. modo. d. silva ad viii. por. i. ac. pti. i. mol. tc. i. sal. sep. ii. r. tc. vii. por. modo iii. tc. c. cv. mo. xx. et. vii. soc. de lx. ac. tre. tc. i. car. et mo. i. tc. val iiii. lib. mo. simil. In hoc hundret. reddit iii. sol. de gelto, et in alio mensurata.

of *Robert le Moyne* and *Roesia* his wife, sister of *Petronella*, the moiety of the church of *All-Saints*, in *Burnham*, for that turn; *Hawise*, the other sister and coheir, was married to *Thomas de Lambourn*, by whom he had *James* his son; and in the 14th of that King, the sheriff of *Norfolk* had a *præcipe*, to deliver to Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale*, and *Emme* his wife, his right, or part, in this manor; the said *Emme* being daughter and heir of *Roesia*, by *Robert le Moyne;* and the said Sir *Ralph*, and *Emme*, and *John de Gimingham*,[3] appear to be lords in the 17th of that King.

Lambourn, who married *Hawise*, the eldest daughter and coheir of *Polsted*, resigned, as it seems, his right in this manor, for that of *Polsted*, in *Suffolk;* for in the 43d of *Edward* III. *William de Cheyne*, who married *Joan*, sister and heir of *William de Lambourn*, was lord of it. *Petronella de Kemesek*, by her deed, dated *May* 23 in the 1st of *Edward* II. conveyed her part, or right, in the manor of *Polsted*, in *Suffolk*, to Sir *James de Lambourn* and *Mary* his wife; her seal is of red wax, the impress being a woman bearing in her right hand an escotcheon, *argent*, fretty *sable*, and in her left, a chief indented, the first being the arms of *Polsted*, the other probably that of *Kemesek*.

In the 4th of of *Edward* III. *Adam de Cockfeld*, and *Isabel* his wife, conveyed by fine several messuages and lands in *Burnham Westgate*, and *Depedale*, with the services of certain tenants, to *Robert de Swaffham* and *Christian* his wife; and in the 21st of that King, *John de Hemenhale*, son of *Ralph*, had a lordship, and *Ralph de Hemenhale*, son of *John*, was found, in the 44th of the said reign, to pay 20*s. per ann.* castle-guard to *Dover*, for his lordship held of the honour of *Haughley*. Sir *Robert*, son of Sir *Ralph Hemenhale* and *Joan* his wife, held it in the 3d of *Richard* II. she was daughter of Sir *John Delapole*, Knt. (son of *Richard*, son and heir of *William Delapole*, merchant of *Hull*, in *Yorkshire*) by *Joan* his wife, daughter and sole heir to *John* Lord *Cobham;* in the 5d of *Henry* IV. she was the wife of *John Reginald Braybrook*, who in right of his wife was lord, as was Sir *John Oldcastle*, in the 3d of *Henry* V. (her fourth husband) on the death of Sir *Nicholas Hawbeke*, her 3d husband.[4] *Ralph de Hemenhale*, Esq. cousin and heir of Sir *Robert*, having granted to Sir *John Oldcastle*, (called Lord *Cobham*,) and *Joan* his wife, this manor of *Polsted*-hall, in the 9th of *Henry* IV. the said *Ralph* was son of *Thomas*, brother of *Ralph*, who was father of Sir *Robert de Hemenhale*, husband of *Joan*.

In the 4th of *Henry* V. a proclamation was issued, that whoever should take Sir *John Oldcastle*, late Lord *Cobham*, (then attainted,) should be paid by the King, 1000 *marks*, and have 20*l. per ann.* for life; and if any corporation took him, an exemption from tenths and fifteenths through the kingdom: and on the 28th of *April* in the next year, this manor of *Polstede*-hall was granted by the King to Sir *John Rothenhale*, on whose death, about the 8th of the said King, it was granted to Sir *Lewis Robsart*, Knt. of the Garter, for life.

King *Edward* IV. in his 12th year, gave it to *Thomas Ashe*, for

[3] John de Gymingham married Sibilla, daughter and coheir of Matthew de Gunton.

[4] Hawbeke, her husband, was living in the 9th of Henry IV. Oldcastle was convicted of Lollardish, in the 1st of Henry V.

life, and on *February* 22d, in his 21st year, confirmed to *John Fenys*, and *Anne* his wife, for their lives. *John* had a prior grant in the 25th of that King.

In the 35th of *Henry* VIII. *February* 14, *Edward Warner* had a rerversionary grant of it, and Sir *Edward Warner* died seized of it in the 8th of *Elizabeth*, when it descended to his brother *Robert*, who had a license, in the 16th of that Queen, to alien it to his son, *Henry Warner* of *Mildenhall*, Esq. and in the following year conveyed part of it to *Francis Cobbe;* and in the 44th of the said reign, *Thomas Rouse*, Esq. had a *præcipe* to render the manor of *Polsted*-hall to *Hen. Cornwallis*, and *Robert Drury*, Esq.

By an indenture dated, *December* 6, in the 14th of King *James*, Sir *Stephen Soame*, Knt. &c. purchased of *Charles Cornwallis*, &c. *Polsted*-hall manor, with its appurtenances

Thomas Harris, Esq. lord in 1724. *Pentney Wilkinson*, Esq. is the present lord, and a justice of the peace.

In the 17th of *Elizabeth*, license was granted to *Henry Warner*, for alienating to *Robert Jenyson*, of this town, and his heirs, 200 acres of land, 60 of pasture, and a foldage in *Burnham Westgate;* and by an inquisition taken *April* 9, in the 25th of *Elizabeth*, on the death of *Robert Jenyson*, who died in the 22d of that Queen, it was found that he was possessed then of a capital messuage in this town, called *Jenyson's* house, held of the manor of *Carbrook* in free soccage; of 124 acres of land, formerly *Heyward's*, held of the manor of *Thorp*, in free soccage; of a fold course, called *Tariff*, and pasturage, called *Breccles Lynge*, and all the lands, late *Warner's*, held of the King in *capite*, and 50 acres called *Pomfret's*, held of that manor in free socage; and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 46.

The Earl *Warren's* manor of *Burnham Thorp* extended into this town, and was held of the *Burnhams*, lords of that town:[3] *Ralph*, son of *John de Burnham*, released by deed *sans date*, to the monks of *Castleacre*, a capital messuage which he had of them, with the homages, rents, services, &c. in *Burnham*. This descended to the *Calthorps*, by the marriage of Sir *William de Calthorp*, with *Cecilia*, sister and heir of *William de Burnham*.

In the 55th of *Henry* III. Sir *William* and *Cecilia* had a grant of an annual fair (in this town, as I take it,) on St. *Peter's* day, the vigil, and day after; also free warren, which seems to be only a confirmation of a prior grant to the *Burnhams;* for in the 41st of that King, *Hugh de Polsted* and *Juliana de Gymingham* took stallage, in the market of *Burnham;* and *Juliana* was a widow, in the King's donation, holding lands in *capite* of 12*l. per ann.*

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the said Sir *William* and *Cecilia*, were found to have a Saturday mercate, assize of bread and beer, and had, with *Richard de Snetteton*, wreck of sea at *Burnham*, and paid 20*s. per ann.* for it, to the Earl *Warren;* and in the 15th of that King, Sir *William* and *Cecilia*, *Ralph de Hemenhale* and *Emme* his wife, and *John de Gymingham*, were found by a pleading to have a weekly mercate, to take stallage, and toll of every cart passing over the causey of *Burnham*.

In the family of *Calthorp* it remained till *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Philip*, brought it by marriage to Sir *Henry Parker*.

[3] Regist. Castle. fol. 45.

BRECCLES MANOR.

The family of *Breccles* held also of the Earl of *Arundel* a lordship, which (as I conceive) was held, or farmed, at the survey, under the King, by *Godric; Ulf,* who was lord of it in the reign of King *Edward,* being deprived of it.[6] It contained three carucates of land, twenty bordarers, twelve servi, three carucates in demean, one among the men, &c. two mills, with the moiety of another, seven runc. &c. 600 sheep, a salt-pit, and one beruite belonged to it, with one carucate of land, &c. and thirty socmen belonged to it then, with two carucates. The whole then valued at 8*l. per annum,* and after, when *Ralph,* the Earl of *Norfolk,* possessed it, at 23*l.* and 12*s.* at the survey; it paid in tail 20*l.* and in the same village, *Ketel,* a freeman, had 20 acres, and another freeman, *Oia,* 30 acres.

On the forfeiture of this lordship, by *Ralph,* the Earl of *Norfolk,* the Conqueror being seized of it, and being in the Crown, and held by *Godric,* it remained so till King *William* II. gave it to *William de Albiny,* ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel,* of whom see in *Rising.*

John Benedict de Breccles died possessed of this manor, and the advowson of a moiety of the church of *Burnham Westgate,* St. *Mary,* with the manor of *Grimston,* (as may be seen under that township,) in the reign of *Edward* II. and *John Breccles,* his son and heir, was lord in the 20th of *Edward* III. but in the 15th of *Richard* II. Sir *Robert Hemenhale* was found to die seized of it; and *Ralph Hemenhale,* his nephew, released to Sir *John Oldcastle,* and *Joan* his wife, the manor of *Breccles,* and the advowson of the churches of St. *Mary* the *Virgin,* St. *Margaret* the *Virgin,* and *All-Saints,* in *Burnham,* in the 10th of *Henry* IV.

REYNHAM'S OR LEXHAM'S MANOR.

The ancient family of *de Rainham* gave name to a lordship in this town, held of the honour of *Clare;* and by the eschaet rolls, in the 46th of *Edward* III. *Humfrey de Bohun* Earl of *Hereford* and *Essex,* was found to die seized in capite, of the 8th part of a fee, held by the heirs of *Ralph Hemenhale,* formerly by Sir *Edmund de Reynham.*

Thomas Langton, and *Agnes* his wife, were deforciants, and Mr. *William Yelverton,* &c. querents, in a fine of the manor of *Reynham,* in *Burnham Westgate, Burnham Norton, Burnham Sutton,* St. *Andrew's, Ulp,* St. *Edmund's,* &c. when an annuity was settled on *Agnes* for life; and in the 15th of *Henry* VII. *William Lexham,* Esq. died possessed of it; and, by an inquisition taken *April* 15, in the 9th of

[6] Terre Regis qua. Godric. servat H. de Galgou in Bruneham, ten. Ulf. T. R. E. iii. car. tre. tc. xx. bord. mo. xvi. tc. xii. ser. mo. viii. tc. iii. car. in. dnio. p. et mo. ii. tc. hom. i. car. p. i. mo. nichil. silva. ad iiii. por. ii. mol. et dim. tc. vii. r. et mo. et xl. por. et DC. oves. i. salina, est i. beruit. huic man. de i. car. tre. tc. i. car. p. et null. mo. i. et. alia beruita de i. car. tre tc. i. car. et p. null. mo. i. huic. man. ptinent xxx. soc. de i. car. tre. tc. ii. car. et p. null. mo. i. Totu. hos valuit T. R. E. viii. lib. et p. qu. Radulf. Comes eum tenuit. xxxiii. lib. et iiii.d. mo. xx.l. ad numer. et in eod. villa. lib. ho. Ketel de xx. ac. et al. lib. ho. Oia. de xxx. ac.

Henry VIII. this manor consisted of 500 acres of land, 500 of pasture, 20 of meadow, 40 of wood, and 100*s.* rent in this town, *Norton*, &c. after this, *Mary*, or *Margaret Roos*, widow, one of the daughters and coheirs of *William Lexham*, Esq. married first to *William Lynn*; *William Dudley*, Esq. son and heir of *Frances*, another daughter and coheir; *George Chapman*, and *Joan* his wife, a daughter and coheir, and *Edward Beaumond*, and *Katherine* his wife, another daughter and coheir, convey it with six messuages, and three fold-courses in the aforesaid towns, to *Richard Southwell*, Esq. in the 29th of the said King: Sir *Richard Southwell* was lord in the 38th of that King, who paid out of this manor, to that of *Polsted-hall* 34*s.* 4*d.*; to *Burnham* lete 9*d.*; to *Burnham Sutton* lete 4*d.* to the bailiff of the manor of *Walsingham-Parva* 4*d. ob.* to the bailiffs of *Gallow* and *Brothercross* hundreds; to the sheriffs 2*s.* 4*d.*

Richard Southwell was lord in the 6th of *Elizabeth.*—Afterwards in the *Soames*, in 1628;—then in the *Harris's.*

Thomas Harris, Esq. lord and patron in 1724.—Mr. *Wilkinson*, merchant of *London*, lord in 1758.

Burnham Westgate paid to the lord of the hundred, lete-fee, 3*s.* 6*d. ob.*

Concealed lands here, in the tenure of *Robert Jenyson*, granted *September* 22, in the 17th of *Elizabeth*, to *John Herbert* and *Andrew Palmer.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and consisted of two portions; that of St. *Mary*, belonged to the priory of *Coxford*, and that of St. *Edmund*, each valued at 12 marks. The prior of *Coxford's* moiety was appropriated, and had a manse with 30 acres. *James de Thorp* was patron of the other mediety: *Peter-pence*, 17*d.*—The prior of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe out of the demean land, valued at 7*s. per annum. Hubert de Britheworth* claimed, in the 15th year of King *John*, the right of presentation to the church of St. *Mary*, against the prior of *Coxford*; and the jury, on the case, find that *Hubert*, grandfather to the present *Hubert*, had impleaded *Ralph Belle*, on account of the said right; and *Ralph's* right was allowed, (and he presented *Thomas de la Folie* to the vicarage,) as the prior's was at this time.

The church has a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel.

The steeple is at the west end of the church, and embattled, and under the battlements is the old cipher, or name of the *Virgin*, and several small figures in niches; and four bells.

On grave-stones in the chancel, the following memorials:

Henry Thurlow, and Mary his wife, descended from the Thurlows of Burnham Overy; he died May 29, 1678.

Hic jacet Anna Dunwell, filia Thomæ Ducket, Generosi, Suffolciensis, Charissima Christopheri Dunwell hujus Ecclesiæ rectoris, obiit Decembr. die octavo, sepulta decimo, Ao. Domi. 1675. *Bone lector, quicumq; es, et undecunq; advenis, quæso, ne amoveas hæc ossa.*

Mary, the other daughter of Thomas Sotherton, of Taverham Esq; wife of John Thurlow, of Burnham Westgate, Gent. died April 12, 1705, *aged* 30, *leaving three children, Mary, Anne, and Thomas;*—— with the arms of *Thurlow*, impaling *Sotherton*, *argent* a fess, and two crescents in chief, *gules.*

At the east end of the north isle lies a gravestone, with the effigies of a man in his gown, and a talbot at his feet.

On another, the portraitures, or effigies of a man between his two wives; and on a plate,

Of your charite, pray for the sowls of John Huntely, Mary and Anne his wiffes; the whyche John departyd to Allemyte God the 5th day of Jenevere, the yere of our Lord God M.CCCCC.III. *on whose sowelles, Jeu. have mercy. Amen.*

In the nave, on a large marble gravestone, with the portraiture of a priest in his habit, and a plate of brass,

Of your charite, pray for the soule of Sir William Hoker, otherwise called Gasteld, the wiche dessecid the XVth *day of Nov. Ao. Dni.* M.V.XL. *on whose soule Jesu have mcy.*

In the church were the arms of *Hamenhale, or,* on a fess, between two chevronells, *gules,* three escallops of the first. *Delapole, azure,* two barrulets undée, *or, Scales,* and *Morley.* The Earls of *Clare, or,* three chevronels, *gules;* and *Reynham, sable,* three mallets, *argent;* also those of *Calthorp.*

In the churchyard, an altar monument in memory of *Robert Thurlow,* woollendraper, who died *September* —, 1678, Aged 55.—and for *Thomas Ward,* Gent. who married the widow of *Robert Thirlow,* and died *October* 31, 1710, aged 63.

In this church were the guilds of St. *Salvator,* and that of St. *Margaret.*

RECTORS.

1303, *William de Rademylde,* presented to a moiety by the prior, &c. of *Coxford.*
1305, *Peter de Buxton. Ditto.*
1308, *Roger Swethyene. Ditto.*
1328, *John de Hickling,* by Sir *Benedict Brecclis,* Knt.
Robert Weynold.
1348, *Robert Chattok,* by the prior &c.
1349, *Hugh Richemay. Ditto.*
1349, *Robert Waryn,* by *John,* son of *Alexander Falstoff,* of *Yarmouth.*
1361, *John Clement,* by Sir *Ralph Hemenhale.*
John Skemard.
1371, *Simon de Helgay,* by *William de Hemenhale,* and *Regin. de Eccles.*
1375, *Henry Lydgate,* by *Regin. Eccles,* and *John Muriel.*
1388, *John Merch,* by the prior, &c.
1390, *Richard Wapound. Ditto.*
1397, *John Mason.*
1898, *Frenshe* ———
1398, *Thomas Wyght,* by Sir *Reg. Braybrook.*
1403, *Bartholomew Hoggard. Ditto.*
John Balle.
1412, *Thomas Codyth,* by the prior, &c.
1418, *John Terry,* by the attorney of Sir *John Rothenhale,* Knt.

Coxford mediety was granted *May* 9, *Ao.* 29th *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*. In 33d of *Elizabeth*, *Richard Bunting* had a *præcipe* to deliver to *Thomas Bunting*, and *Edmund Anguish*, a moiety of this church.

In 1603, Mr. *Nicholas Steere* was rector, and certified, that there were 150 communicants; he was S. T. B. and the patronage was in Sir *Charles Cornwallis*.

Nathaniel Thornton compounded for his first fruits, of the medieties of *Burnham* St. *Mary*, St. *Margaret*, and *All-Saints*, in 1633, and *Thomas Lushington*, in 1640.

Mr. *Spurling* occurs rector 1696.

1724, *Thomas Grome*, on *Spurling's* death, by *Thomas Harris*, Esq. with, &c.

1742, *William Smith*, to St. *Mary Westgate*, St. *Margaret*, and *All-Saints* medieties, by *Everilda Thornhill*.

BURNHAM WESTGATE ST. EDMUND.

John le Moyne was patron about the timeof *Edward* I. when a chaplain resided, and served the cure, had a manse, and 20 acres of land, no *Peter*-pence paid, and valued at 40*s*.

1323, *John de Ryskington*, presented by Sir *Walter de Calthorp*.
1330, *Thomas Matthew*, by Sir *William Calthorp*.
1334, *Thomas Derk*. *Ditto*.
1341, *William de Marston*. *Ditto*.
1345, *Alexander Mose*. *Ditto*.
Anthony Wilkinson occurs 1627.
1628, *Nath. Thornton*, by the King, during the minority of *John Soame*.
1639, *Thomas Lushington*, S. T. P. prebendary of *Sarum*.[7] *Ditto*.
1655, *Christopher Dunnell*, by Sir *Richard le Strange*.
1685, *Henry Spurling*, by *John Harris*, Esq. He held it with St. *Mary*, mediety of St. *Margaret*, and the church of *All-Saints, Ulph*.
1724, *Thomas Grome*, to St. *Mary Westgate*, &c. as above, by *Thomas Harris*, Esq.
1742, *William Smith*, to *Westgate*, St. *Mary*, &c. by *Everilda Thornhill*, spinster.

BURNHAM DEANERY.

It contained 35 parishes.
Mr. *Adam de Walsingham* was dean, 1218.
1316, *Richard de Sutton*, collated by the Bishop,
1333, *Stephen de Sutton*. *Ditto*.
1347, *John de Hales*. *Ditto*.
1349, *Thomas de Wilton*. *Ditto*.
William de Hales.
135-, *John Carleton*. *Ditto*.
1375, *Walter Sandhull*. *Ditto*.

[7] See Athen. Oxon. v. 2. p 221.

1389, *Richard Maudelyne*, collated by the Bishop.
1412, *Richard Golle. Ditto.*
1420, *Thomas Lane. Ditto.*
1421, *John Frank. Ditto.*
1440, *Thomas Wate. Ditto.*
1452, *Thomas Talboth. Ditto.*
1494, *James Godwell. Ditto.*

BAGTHORPE,

CALLED *Bachesthorp;* that is, a *thorp*, by a *ba-ches*, a fine winding stream, or river; and was (as we learn from Domesday Book) a beruite to the lordship of *Rudham*, and placed under *Brothercross* hundred, a lordship of the Earl of *Warren*, held by *Toka*, in King *Edward's* reign: this beruite contained one carucate of land, and three bordarers, with another carucate, two runci, three cows, &c.[8]

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

The family of de *Frevil* was very early enfeoffed of this manor, by the Earl *Warren*. *Robert de Frevile*, by his deed *sans date*, gave to the priory a moiety of his manor of *Baghestorp*, both in land and in men, except the tenement wherein *William de Sarcells* dwelt, &c. with the convent of the Earl *Warren*, and *Rainald* his brother. Witnesses, *Richard Capell, William de Ernevill*, &c. *Emma de Frivill, Maud*, her sister, &c.[9]

Ralph de Frivill, son of *Robert*, confirmed this gift. Witnesses, *Henry Capell, Ralph de Frivill*, his nephew, *Ralph de Wanci*, &c.; and by another deed, *sans date*, the said *Ralph* gave the other moiety of this manor, with the church of of *Baggthorp*, to the said priory; witnesses, *Walter de Ernevill*, &c.

Gerard de Canvilla confirmed the aforesaid grants of *Robert* and *Ralph de Frivill;* and *Osbert Giffard*, with the consent of *Isabel* his wife, granted to the monks of St. *Mary* of *Acra*, the whole village of *Baggethorpe*, with the homages, &c. and the church, &c. according to the grants of *Robert* and *Ralph de Frivill;* witnesses, *Adam de Kailli, Ralph de Baruse, Roger de Frivill*, &c.

William Lupell gave *Hubert de Bagthorp*, and his children.

William, son of *Alured de Docking*, released to the prior, &c. his right in a tenement, which *Albert* his uncle held of him in *Baggethorp*. Witnesses, *William de Bellem, Philip de Paveli, Reginald de St.*

[8] Huic man. (viz. Rudham) pertinet i. beruita Bachethorp de i. car. tre. semp. iii. bord. et. i. car. semp. ii. runc. et. iii. an. et iiii. porc. tc. LXXX. oves modo c.

[9] Regist. Castleac. fol. 49.

Martin, Gode, provost (*præposito*) of the hundred, *William de Stanhoe,* &c. *Asseline,* daughter of *Gode,* gave half an acre, and half a rood of land here.

Milo, son of *William de Baggethorp,* released to *Robert* the prior, a tenement, with 24 acres of land here.

By a fine taken at *Norwich* on *Sunday,* next after the feast of St. *Hilary,* in the 10th of King *John,* before *William de Huntingfield,* master *Eustace de Fauconberg,* justices, &c. *William de Newman* conveyed 22 acres of land, in *Bagthorpe,* to *Philip,* the prior, &c.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior of *Castleacre* held here, and in *West Rudham,* half a fee of the Earl of *Arundel,* in pure alms, as parcel of the honor of *Castleacre;* their temporalities here valued at 7*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* in 1428. On the dissolution of this priory, it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* VIII. on the 22d of *December,* in his 29th year, granted this lordship to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk,* to be held by knight's service: *Thomas,* the prior of *Castleacre,* &c. had surrendered it to the King, by fine, in *Michaelmas* term preceding, and in the first of Queen *Elizabeth,* license was granted to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk,* to alien it to *Nicholas Dannock,* and his heirs; and *Thomas Dannock* was found to die possessed of it in the 18th of that Queen, and *Michael* was his son and heir

By an inquisition taken at King's *Lynn, May* 24, in the fourth year of King *Charles* I. *Thomas Goddard,* Gent. was found to be lord of this manor, *December* 3d, last past; and of two messuages, 140 acres of land in east and west *Rudham,* held of the manor of East *Rudham,* in East *Rudham;* and *Thomas Goddard,* by *Mary* his wife, dying before him, *October* 28, 1613, left by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *William Guibon,* Esq. a son and heir, *Guybon Goddard,* aged sixteen years, on the death of his grandfather, and his heir, who was afterwards recorder of *Lynn,* and serjeant at law; and being receiver of the excise, or taxes, for this county, in the reign of King *Charles* II &c. his manor and estate here was seized for a debt to the King, and ——— *Billingsley* possessed it under that title.

Mr. *Stringer* was lord and patron in 1740.

The tenths were 2*l.* 2*s.* The lete fee to the hundred was 12*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Mary,* and is a very little, mean edifice, without any monument, &c and the prior of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe, valued at 7*s.* and the patronage; the vicar of *Stoke Neyland* had also one, valued at six marks. *Peter*-pence 3*d. ob.*

The present valor is 5*l.* 10*s.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

Robert de Frivilla, or *Frevill,* gave one moiety of this town to the monks of *Castleacre*;[1] his son *Ralph* confirmed that grant, and gave the church to them, with the other moiety of the town; which gifts were confirmed by *Gerard de Camvill, Osbert Giffard,* and *Isabel* his wife.

In 1305, *Robert de Suthwalsham,* presented by the prior and convent of *Castleacre.*

1310, Mr. *Richard de Schropham. Ditto.*

1311, *William de Nettishirch. Ditto.*

1355, *Robert Jokeyn. Ditto.*

[1] Reg. Castleacr. fol. 42.

1391, *Ralph de Brancaster*, presented by the prior, &c.
1391, *John Heron. Ditto.*
1400, *John Pacwode*, by *John Hyde*, &c.
1404, *Thomas Philip*, by Sir *Hugh Burnell*, Knt. Lord *de Holyot* and *Weely*.

In 1603, *Adam Rousthorn* was rector, and certified that therewere 27 communicants; *John Stede*, Gent. being then patron, and *Nicholas Hannock*, late patron.

James Smartwait succeeded *Housthorn*.

After *Steed*, *Thomas Goddard*, Gent. of *Rudham*, was patron, and lord of the manor.

William Brown, rector, died in 1736, and
Robert Spencer succeeded, presented by *John Stringer*, Gent.
1762, *Thomas Burslem*, by Mr. *Robert Barber*.

WEST-BARSHAM.

THERE are three towns of the name of *Barsham*, that is a ham by a bar, that is, on or by the hills. In *Domesday* book they are not distinguished by the appellation of *East*, *West*, and *North*, but included under the general name of *Barsham*. *Hugo* held then a manor of the Earl *Warren*; *Toke*, who was lord of it in the Confessor's time, being deprived of it. It then contained four carucates of land, ten villains, and twenty-six bordarers, with four servi, four carucates in demean, and five amongst the men, &c. three acres of meadow, 4 mills, &c. six socmen had half a carucate, and three bordarers, with two carucates, and a church endowed with 100 acres; this part was valued at 4*l.* at the survey 6*l.* and was half a leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid sixpence gelt.[2]

This I take to be *West-Barsham*; *Hugo*, above-mentioned, held this with the lordship of *Threxton*, &c. of the Earl *Warren*; his sirname was *de Waunci*, and ancestor of that family: from this *Hugh*, who was lord at the survey, descended Sir *Ralph de Wauci*, lord; and father of *Hugh de Wauci*, who by deed, *sans* date, confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* his land of *West-Barsham*, and all he had therein, with the church of that village, and all the appertenances in pure alms, as *Osmod*, his aunt (sister of his father *Ralph*) had granted to them.[3] This *Osmod*, or *Esmond*, married *Philip de Vealtre*, who had with her

[2] Tre. Willi. de Warrena. hundret. de Galhou.—Barseham-Hugo. tenuit Toka. T. R. E. iiii. car. tre. semp. x. vill. et xxvi. bord. tc. iiii. serv. modo null. tc. iiii. car. in dominio et p. null. mo. ii. 1, poss. restaurari, tc. hom. v. car. et. p. null. mo. iii. et poss. restaurari. silva ad xx. porc. iii. ac. pti. iiii. molin. tc. nichil, modo ii. runc. modo iiii. an. et. xxx. porc. et cc. ov. et dim. et vi. soc. dim. car. tre. iii. bord. semp. ii. car. 1. ecclia de c. acr. tc. val. iiii. lib. modo vi. et ht. dim. lg. in longo et dim. in lato et redd. iii.d. de gelto.

[3] Regist Castleacr. fol. 37, 38, &c.

this in marriage, &c. and, on her death, she gave it to the aforesaid priory; but *Hugh* had entered on it, and now confirmed, or granted it for the soul of *Ralph* his father, and *Osmod* his aunt; the convent giving him five marks, and two marks to his wife, on quitting claim to all the cattle, which he took from the aforesaid land, valued at four marks, which *Osmod*, his aunt, had left them for her soul, &c. Witnesses, *Hugh de Gurnasi*, *Roger de Stoteville*, *Ralph de Roseto*, &c. *Walter de Wauci* confirmed to them the gifts of his father *Hugh*, and gave them four acres, with liberty of a fold course for nine score sheep; and that they might take of their men (in the town of *West Barsham*) customary aid, as they took of their other men, in other places; and, by another deed, confirmed to them the mill, called *Bridge-mill*, in the said town with the customs thereto belonging. *William de Wauci*, son and heir of Sir *Hugh*, lived in the reign of *Henry* III. and had Sir *William de Wauci*, who had assise; and *Giles de Wauci* granted to Sir *William de Wauci*, for life, his manor of *West Barsham* and *Depeden*, the remainder to *William*, son of Sir *William*, and his heirs, remainder to *Walter*, *Edward*, *Thomas*, *Nicholas*, *Robert* and *Hugh*, sons of Sir *William*, *sans* date. He bore *gules*, six dexter hands erect, *argent*.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *William de Waucy* claimed a fair here, to be held yearly on the decollation of St. *John Baptist* (August 29) and in the 20th of *Edward* III. Sir *William de Wauci* held here one fee of the Earl *Warren*. *Edmund de Wauci* was lord in the 30th of the said King, and had the King's protection, being in his service in *Gascoign* in *France*, and died in the 46th of *Edward* III. leaving by *Joan* his wife, *Edmund*, his son and heir, aged 7 years; this *Edmund* died soon after, (as I take it) on whose death this lordship came to *Edmund Gurney*, by the marriage of *Catherine* daughter of Sir *William*, and sister and heir of Sir *Edmund de Waucy*.

In the 41st of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *Edmund Gurney*, and *Katherine* his wife, querents, *Thomas de Beeston*, trustees, &c. deforcients of the moiety of the manor of *West-Barsham*, settled on *Edmund* and *Katherine*, in tail.

The will of this *Edmund* is dated at *West-Barsham*, on Thursday, the feast of the Ascension of our Lord in 1387. He bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin in this town, and 8*l*. to be distributed to the poor here, on his burial day;[4] *Katherine* his wife to have all her dower, and all his utensils in his house, and her part of all his other goods; appoints *Osbert de Mundeford*, and *Thomas Kempe*, his executors. Witnesses, *William de Mildenhal*, vicar of *West-Barsham*, *Nicholas de Barsham*, &c.; and was proved in the same year. *John de Gourney* was his son and heir by *Catherine*, who, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. held one fee here of the Earl *Warren*. In the 6th and 7th of that King, he sued the dutchy of *Lancaster* for the common, called *South Lings*, to have free warren there, as his separate soil, and part of his lordship of this town, and that his father *Edmund* was possessed of it; this cause was put off by the King's letters, because this *John* was one of the knights of the shire, in the parliament held at *Coventry*, in the said sixth year, for the county of *Norfolk*; but in the seventh year it was adjudged against *Gourney*, the said common of *South Lings* being in

[4] Regist. Harsyke Norw. fol. 34.

the point of *South Creke* parish, and belonging to the dutchy of *Lancaster;* and *John Gourney*, Esq. was bound to the King in 500 marks, not to claim any right there hereafter, and not being within the lete of his manor of *West-Barsham*. He died in the 9th of *Henry* IV. seized of the manors of *West* and *North Barsham, Harpley, Denver, Depeden*, &c. He married *Alice*, widow of *Richard Bavent*, who survived him: *Thomas Gourney* was probably his son and heir. *Thomas Gurnay*, Esq. was a feoffee for the manor of *Wolterton*, in *East-Barsham*, in the 13th of *Henry* VI. and was living in the 18th of that King. *Thomas Gurnay*, senior, Esq. by his will, dated *March* 18th, in the 9th of *Edward* IV. appoints his body to be buried in the chancel of St. *Laurence* the Martyr, of *Harple*, if he dies there;[5] and if at *Norwich*, in the Friar-minors church, to whom he gives 40*s.* to the Austin-friars, Friars-preachers, and Carmes there, 20*s.* each; to the manors of *Walsingham* 40*s.*; to the chapel of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin at *Walsingham* his gold ring, with a precious jewel set in it, called a turkeys; to *Margaret* his wife all his utensils, and then to *William* his son, after her death; appoints his wife, *John Jerningham*, and *Edmund Bokenham*, Esq. his executors; and *John Heydon*, supervisor; his sons, *John* and *Edmund*, to whom he confirms all grants made to them out of his manor of *Depeden;* to the prior of *Walsingham* 10*l.* towards a new work there, on condition they remember him and his wife in their beadroll, as brother and sister of that priory; all his manor, or tenement, called *Swathyns*, in *Hardingham*, which he bought of *Catherine Sturmer*, and all his tenements in *Norwich* to be sold to *William* his son for 80 marks. This house was in St. *Gregory's* parish at *Norwich*, and *John Bernard*, a minor of *Norwich*, was his confessor. This will was proved *July* 27, 1471. *William Gurnay*, Esq. was lord, and succeeded on his father's death. In the year 1455 he styled himself *William Gurnay*, Esq. senior; and in the 13th of *Henry* VII. *William Gurnay*, senior, Esq. &c. infeoft *William Gurnay*, junior, Esq. &c. of lands in *Dunton*. He married *Ann*, daughter of *William Calthorpe*, Esq. was a knight eschaetor for *Norfolk*, in the reign of *Edward* IV. He had also a son *Walter*, living in the 11th of *Henry* VII. to whom he then granted lands.

In the 14th of *Henry* VII. *William Gournay*, junior, and *Thomas Sefoule*, Esq. had a grant of the custody of the manors and lands of *Roger Wood* of *East-Barsham*, son and heir of *John Wood*, from *John* Earl of *Oxford*, to whom King *Henry* VII. had granted the custody of the person and lands of *William* Viscount *Beaumont*, by deed then dated.

Anthony Gournay, Esq. was lord in 1514; he married *Margaret*, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Robert Lovell*, cousin and coheir of Sir *Thomas Lovell*, privy counsellor to King *Henry* VII. and *Henry* VIII. and Knight of the Garter; and died *January* 4, 1555, leaving *Henry*, his grandson and heir, aged twenty-one years.

Frances Gournay, Esq. was son of *Anthony;* he died before his father, and by *Helen*, daughter of *Robert Holdich*, of *Ranworth*, Esq. left *Henry Gurney*, Esq. his son and heir, who was lord of this town in 1572, (held by one fee of the manor of *Castleacre*,[6]) he married,

[5] See in Harpley and Hardingham.

[6] Henry married Ellen, daughter of John Blennerhasset, Esq.

and had *Edmund Gurney*, Esq. his son and heir, who (as by an inquisition taken at *East-Dereham*, *October* 13th in the 17th of *Charles* I.) died *August* 6th, in 1641, seized of this manor, and that of *North-Barsham*, *Lingham-Magna*, &c. and left by *Frances* his wife, daughter of *Richard Hovell*, Esq. *Henry*, his son and heir, aged nine years, &c.[7] who sold this lordship to the family of *Calthorpe*, and Sir *L'Estrange Calthorpe* was lord in 16[illegible]5; from them it came to *Charles Morley*, M. D. lord in 1720, and his son, *Charles Morley*, Esq. died n 176-.

This family of *de Gourney* was of great antiquity, and lords of *Harpley*.[8] *Matthew de Gourney* lived in the reign of *Henry* II. and married *Rose*, daughter and heir of *Reginald de Burnham*. *William de Gourney* was his son and heir, and had Sir *John de Gourney*, who was in arms against King *Henry* III.; and one of the same name was lord in the beginning, and 27th of *Edward* I. and *John de Gourney* was rector, patron, and lord also, of *Harpley*, in the 31st of the said King; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. settled on *John de Gourney*, his nephew (son of *Catherine)* and *Jane* his wife, the manor of *Harpley*, remainder to *William* and *Edmund*, brothers of *John*. This *Edmund* was, as I conceive, the said *Edmund*, who, by the marriage of *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *William*, and sister and heir of Sir *Edmund de Waucy*, brought (as I have above observed) this lordship of *West-Barsham* into the *Gourney* family.

The arms of *Gourney* were *argent*, a cross ingrailed *gules*, and impaled the arms of *Waucy*, *gules*, three dexter hands erect, *argent*; also *Calthorp*, *Heydon*, *Lovell*, *Holdick*, *Blennerhasset*, and *Lewknor*, ———; also they impaled *Jernegan*, and *sable*, a chevron between three leopards heads, &c. probably *Wentworth*.

WILKIN'S MANOR.

Ralph, or *Robert*, son of *Robert Wilkin*, and his tenants, held in the reign of *Henry* III. one knight's fee of the Earl *Warren*, in this town.

In the 8th of *Henry* VI. *Richard Selling*, Esq. and *Alice* his wife, late widow of Sir *John Wiltshire*, conveyed to *Peter Neylond*, clerk, *John Hamond*, and *Nicholas Hill*, chaplains, this lordship, which *Alice* held for life.

Thomas Fermour possessed it, with messuages and lands in *West* and *East Barsham*, with the advowson of the church of this town, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*; and on the 16th of April, 1603, *John Kemp* of *Antingham*, *St. Mary*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. released to *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. and *William Fermor*, Esq. all his right in it; *William Fermor*, Esq. son of *Thomas*, was lord of it in 1627; and a pardon of alienation of it was granted, 17th November, 8th of King *Charles* I. to *Henry Calthorp*, Esq. and *Valentine Pell*, Esq. for taking it from *William Fermor*, by fine, levied in Hillary term, in the 3d of *Charles* I.

Sir *L'Estrange Calthorp*, Knt. and serjeant at law, was lord in 1675, son of *Philip Calthorp*, of *Gressenhale*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his

[7] This Henry is said to have married ———, daughter of —— Adams, a barrister at law, and to die without issue.

[8] See in Harpley. H.

wife, who by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Arthur Turner*, of *Parndon Magna*, in *Essex*, serjeant at law, had *James Calthorp*, Esq. drowned at sea, in 1691; and left by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *James Cooper*, and sister of Sir *William Cooper* of *London*, *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir, married to *Charles Morley*, M. D, whose son, *Charles Morley*, Esq. is the present lord, who married ———, daughter of *Richard Dashwood*, Esq. of *Cockley Cley*, and died s. p.

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

The foundation of this was owing to *Hugh de Waucy*, and others of that family, who, as I have shown, were great benefactors to it. In the 14th of *Edward* I. *William de Waucy* impleaded the prior, on account of 20 marks due to him, on his confirming to the priory the advowson of this church, &c. when the prior was amerced.

These temporalities, in 1428, were valued at 9*l.* 19*s.*

Thomas Molling, prior, held his first court on Wednesday, the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, in the 11th of *Henry* VIII. and *Thomas*, the prior, conveyed it by fine to that King, with the advowson of the church, in his 29th year; the King, on the 22d of December, granted it to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

Temporalities of *Fakenham* (or *Hempdon*,) priory were 13*s.* 4*d.*

The tenths were 5*l.* 14*s.*—Deduct 20*s.* Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 1*s.* 6*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to ———; the rectory was appropriated to *Castleacre* priory, valued at 26 marks, and a vicarage was settled, valued at 40*s.* the rectory had a manse, and one carucate of land; and the vicar a manse with 5 acres: *Peter*-pence 15*d.*

In the chancel, a grave-stone with a brass plate,

Caducum hoc æternat Marmor Edwardus Gourney, filius et heres Tho. Gourney Armig. et Marthæ filiæ Edvi. Lewkenor de Denham, in Com. Suff. Militis, obiit Aug. 1641.

On a black marble stone,

Here lyeth the body of Sr. L'Estrange Calthorp, Kt. serjeant at law to King Charles II. Departed this life April 5, 1678.

VICARS.

1220, *William Newton*, vicar, presented by the prior and convent of Castleacre.
1322, *Robert Godwine*. *Ditto.*
1328, *Richard de Wodeford*. *Ditto.*
Stephen.
1353, *Thomas Larke*. *Ditto.*
1357, *Richard Brekewastle*. *Ditto.*
1358, *William Farmer*. *Ditto.*
1398, *Bartholomew Fallyate*. *Ditto.*
1416, *Thomas Smith*. *Ditto.*

1417, *Richard Abraham*, presented by the prior, &c.
Thomas Tyrington.
1428, *Walter Eton. Ditto.*
1462, *William Ancroft*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1477, *John Queuker*, by the prior, &c.
1501, Mr. *Thomas Kemp*, in Decret. Bac. The Bishop, by lapse.
1527, *Robert Nightyngale. Ditto,*
1531, *Simon Herd. Ditto.*
1532, *William Dawson.* The King.
1555, *Richard Gogney*, by the Duke of *Norfolk.*
1583, *Christopher Breese*, by *Thomas Fermer*, Esq. of *East-Barsham.*

In 1603, *Leonard Metcalf* occurs vicar, and certified 420 communicants; patron then, *Henry Gurney.*

Mr. *Rice* died vicar in 1743, and was succeeded by *Henry Roberts*, by *Charles Cooper Morley*, Esq.

1756, *Morgan Powell, ditto*, on *Roberts'* death.

William de Mildenhale occurs vicar in 1387.

William Hernald, Ao. 1 *Henry* V.

NORTH-BARSHAM.

In the same village *(Barsham) Hugo* had of the Earl *Warren* a carucate of land, held by a freeman in King *Edward's* reign, for a manor, and was so delivered to him. Twenty-one bordarers belonged to it, and one servus, and two halls; there were two carucates amongst the men, or tenants, and two acres of meadow, two mills, and a moiety of another, &c. and six socmen, with six acres of land, &c. one church endowed with twelve acres, valued all in King *Edward's* time, at 43*s. per ann.* at the survey at 30*s.* and paid 10*d.* gelt, and was accounted for, as to its measure, in *West-Barham.*[9]

WAUNCY'S MANOR, OR SOUTHALL.

Hugh, who was lord of *West-Barsham*, was ancestor of the family of *de Wauci*, and held this lordship at the survey under the Earl *Warren;* and having treated at large of them, under that town, I must refer the reader thereto.

It is probable that the family of *Suthale* had some interest herein, under the *Wauci; William de Suthale* lived in the 31st of *Edward* I.

[9] In ead. villa i. lib. hoem. de i. car. terre p. man. et fuit libato. p. tra. semp. xxi. bord. et i. serv. et manebat in ii. hallis. Tc. ii. car. et p. nichil modo dim. et int. hoes. ii. car. et ii. ac. pti. ii. d. molin. silva x. porc. et vi. soc. de vi. ac. tre. modo LXXX. oves et XXX. porc. i. ecclia. xii. ac. tnc. val. XL. sol. et p. mo. L. sol. et hec. tra. reddit xii. d. de gelto in ead. mensura.

and *Richard de Suthale*, of *North Barsham*, was witness to a deed in the 8th and 14th of *Edward* II.; after this, in the reign of *Edward* III. it came to *Edmund Gurney* by the marriage of *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *William*, and sister of Sir *Edward Wauci*, and remained in that family.

BRANCH'S MANOR.

This was the principal manor, and held by a family that gave name to it, under the *Waucis; Ralph Branch* was lord, as appears from the Register of *Walsingham*, and *Richard* was his son, but *sans date*.[1]

In the 26th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *William Braunche* and *Joan* his wife, impedients, *Thomas Trivet* and *Alianore* his wife, querents, of the moiety of a knight's fee, and advowson of the church of *North Barsham*, passed to *Thomas*, &c.; this *Thomas* was in arms in the barons wars, against King *Henry* III. and his lands here given to *Henry de Lacy;* but in the second year of *Edward* I. the King directed his writ to the Barons of the Exchequer, to discharge *Thomas Trivet* from 20*s.* 1*d. ob.* charged on him, for the issues of this manor, during the time of its being seized into the hands of King *Henry* III. the Archbishop of *York*, and *Robert Walerand*, testifying, that he constantly adhered to that King, during those wars, though all his lands were seized on a sinister suspicion, after the battle of *Evesham;* this *Thomas* is said to have been a knight, one of the King's justices, and father of *Nicholas Trivet*, the historian, who wrote the reigns of several Kings of *England*. In the 57th of *Henry* III. he was a judge of *Norwich*, and in the 7th of *Edward* I. a commissioner to enquire after the authors of the quarrel between the monks and citizens of *Norwich*, which begun in King *Henry's* time; but still it appears that the family of *Branch* had an interest in it.

Nicholas Braunch held half a fee in the reign of *Henry* III. and in the 8th of *Edward* I. *Nicholas*, son and heir of *Joan*, paid relief for lands which he held in *capite*.

In the 29th of *Edward* I. *Henry Hamond* impleaded *Nicholas*, son of *John Braunch*, &c. for the flinging down his fold in this town, who pleaded it to be an innovation; and in the 32d of that King, *Reginald de Pavely*, and *John de Higham*, settled by fine a messuage, one carucate of land, and a *mark* rent, here, with the advowson of the church in tail, on *Nicholas Braunch*, and *Robriga* his wife; and in the 7th of *Edward* II. the lordship and hundred of *Frome* in *Somersetshire* were settled on Sir *Nicholas Branch*[2] and his wife *Robergia*.

Andrew Braunch was lord, and *Joan* his wife, in the 14th of that King, and in the 16th of *Edward* III. Sir *Andrew Braunch* granted to Mr. *Hervey de Stanton*, parson of *Elm*, in the Isle of *Ely*, and *Henry*, son of *Aungier de Staunton*, for the life of Mr. *Harvey*, this

[1] Sir Peter Braunch married Joan, the inheritrix of the manors of Kenton, Cornerd, and Brandon, in Suffolk, held of the family of De Limesey, by knights fees, and lived about King John's time.

[2] Sir Nicholas sealed, in the 16th of Edward II. with a lis, and a label of five points.

lordship and advowson. *Hervey* held it for life, being of the inheritance of *Thomas*, son of *Andrew Braunch*, who was under age, and in the King's custody, held of the Earl of *Arundel*, as of the honour of *Castleacre*.

Thomas Braunch died lord about the year 1361, and *Mary* his wife remarried *John Giffard*, as appears from the clause-rolls in the 44th of *Edward* III.; she was daughter of *Walter Whitehorse*, and in the 34th of the said King, *Stephen Winslade* assigned to her this manor for life, in full dower. *Stephen* was son and heir *Alianore*, by her husband *Richard de Winslade*, and sister of Sir *Andrew Braunch*, to whom this inheritance came.

In the 45th of the said reign, Sir *John Minsterworth* granted to *John de Kingsfeld*, and *Joan*, or *Isabel* his wife, and heirs of *Joan*, this lordship and advowson; there being a fine sued in the 40th of that King, when *John Giffard*, and *Mary* his wife, conveyed one-third part of the manor of *Branches* to *John de Kingfeld*, &c.

Thomas Eldrich and *Alice* his wife, sold to *Nicholas Turford* of *London*, two parts of the manor and advowson of the church of *North Barsham*, in the 5th of *Richard* II. and in the 11th of *Henry* IV. *Edward Attehale* released to *John Warncamp*, and to *Isabel* his wife, daughter of *John Attefeld*, and the heirs of *Isabel*, the 3d part of the manors of *North Barsham*, and *Exning*, in *Suffolk*, and in all the lands and tenements, lately *John Kingfeld's*. This *John Attefeld*, Esq. was of *Slynfold* in *Sussex*; and in the 10th of *Henry* IV. left, as appears from the eschaets rolls, 3 daughters and coheirs; *Alice*, wife of *Thomas Gosden*; *Isabel*, wife of *John Warncamp*; and *Ellen*.

It appears by the will of *George Sefoule* of *Waterden*, dated *August* 5, 1469, that he died seized of this manor, and was proved *November* 19, 1469; in this family it continued till *Thomas Sefoule*, Esq. sold it, with the warren of conies, &c. in 1571, to *Richard Perry*, of *North Barsham*, yeoman; and *Richard*, in the 26th of *Elizabeth*, passed by fine to *Edmund Russel*, the manors of *North Barsham*, *Branche's*, *Caley's*, and *Churche's*.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *April* 1, in the 16th of *James* I. *Philip Russel*, Esq. was found to die possessed of this manor *December* 26, last past, called the manors of *Braunch's*, *Caley's*, and that of *Churche's*, with the advowson of the church, and of lands and tenements here, late part of the possessions of *Hempton* priory; and *Edmund* was his son and heir, (by *Catherine* his wife,) aged 17. *Thomas Russel*, Gent. of this town was living in 1638; this *Thomas* is said to have sold the lordship to *James Ward* of *Hindringham*, counsellor at law, and dying in the *King's Bench* prison, left 3 sisters, *Jemima*, married to ——— *Britiffe* of *Wighton*; *Hannah*, married to *Charles Hastings*; and *Elizabeth*.

This family is derived from *Thomas Russel* of *Littleport*, in the isle of *Ely*, whose son *William* had *Henry Russel* of *West Rudham*, in *Norfolk*, Gent. who by *Margaret*, his wife, daughter and heir, of *John Bacheler*, of *West Rudham*, and *Isabel* his wife, daughter and heir, of *Thomas Ferrers*, of the said town, left *Henry*, his son and heir, who by *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Wallis*, had *William Russell*, of *West Rudham*, Gent. and by *Agnes* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Walpole*, of *Houghton*, Esq. he had *Thomas Russell*, his son

and heir, *William*, and *Edmund*, which *Edmund* died *September* 18, 1589, and by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *Nicholas Bowry* of *Stone* in *Hertfordshire*, was father of *Thomas*, his son and heir, who died without issue, and of *Philip Russel*, Esq. above-mentioned, who died in 1617, and was buried (as his elder brother, *Thomas*, was) in the church of *North Barsham*, leaving by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *John Walpole*, of *Houghton*, Esq. *Thomas* aforesaid, who died without issue.

William Rootley, Esq. who was high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1722, and his son, sold it to the Honourable *Horace Walpole*, Esq. and his son, the Lord *Walpole*, now possesses it.

Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, was 2*s. ob.*

CHURCHE'S MANOR.

Godfrey de Levingdale of *East Barsham*, by deed *sans date*, gave lands to *Maud Atte Church*, and to *John* her son, in the fields of *Barsham*; and in the 34th of *Edward* I. *Maud*, widow of *Henry Attechirch*, settled on *John*, messuages and lands here. *Henry Attechirch* lived in the 9th of *Edward* II. *William Attechirch* in the 45th of *Edward* III. and the 10th of *Richard* II. *Nicholas Attechirch*, in the 19th of *Richard* II. and 3d of *Henry* IV. *John*, son of *Nicholas*, and *John Atfeld*, with their parceners, held half a fee here, and *John Gurney*, half a fee of the honour of *Castleacre*; after this it was in the *Sefowls*, and so united to *Branch's* manor.

In *North Barsham* also, *Herold* held in King *Edward's* time, (afterwards King of *England*) 2 freemen, with one carucate belonging to his lordship of *Fakenham*; at the survey, *William Earl Warren* possessed it, but his men knew not how he came by it; but the hundred witnessed that the Earl was seized of it, and it was left to the King to judge of it, as it belonged to his manor of *Fakenham*.[3]

CALEY'S MANOR.

William de Gunthorp, rector of *Fakenham*, confirmed to *Robert de Holm*, clerk, and *Robert Chamberlayn*, all his lands, tenements, rents, and services of freemen and villains in *North Barsham*, and *East Barsham*, *September* 21, in the 7th of *Richard* II. *William Caley* was living, in the 10th of *Richard* II. and in the 19th. *Edmund Caly*, in the 6th of *Henry* IV. held a quarter of a fee, and *William Caly* was living in *Edward* the Fourth's time. *Thomas Sefoule*, by his will in 4th of *Elizabeth*, appears to be possessed of it; *Richard Percy*, soon after, held it, and so was united to *Braunch's* manor.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Roger Sire*, and others, held the sixth part of a fee, and in the 40th of that King, *Hamond de Barsham*, and

[3] Hundret Gilhou tre Willi. de Warenna. In Norbarsham, qd. tenet W. de Warena, ten. Heraldus. ii. libos. hoes. de i. car. tre. ptinentes. ad Faganaha. et m°. tenet. W. sed. hoes. sui nesciunt. q°. modo et hund. testatur eos Willem°. qd. ex eis est seisit sed. ho. reg. offert judicium qd. ptinebat. t. r. e. ad Faganeham man. regis.

Anastasia his wife, conveyed by fine, to *Roger de Ouston*, and *Roger Sire*, 3 messuages, 144 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 3 foldcourses, and 6*s.* rent, in *North* and *East Barsham, Waterden*, &c. who granted for life an annuity, to *Hamond* and his wife.

Mr. *John Borage* of *North Barsham*, Gent. gave by will, dated *October* 27, 1636, to the master, fellows, and scholars of *Clare-Hall*, in *Cambridge*, where he was sometime a scholar, a rent charge of 35*l. per ann.* out of his messuages, lands, and tenements, in *North* and *West Barsham*, towards the maintenance of a fellow, to be held only until the non regency, or five years after the said fellow's commencing master of arts; capable of being elected, when he shall be sophister of 2 years standing in the said hall; to be chose out of the founder's name and kindred, in that hall, or in any other college in *Cambridge*, as shall be found capable thereof, and for want thereof, any *Norfolk*, or *Norwich* man may be elected.

The prior and convent of *Norwich* used to receive out of mind 3*s. per ann.* to the use of the cellarer, out of a mill, and a close, given by *Gilbert Passelewe*, who, with the consent of *Maud*, his wife, *Simon*, and his other sons and daughters, gave the tenth penny rent of his mill in *Barsham*, to the cellarer of *Norwich*, by deed *sans date: Witnesses, Hamonde Passelewe, John de Marsham*, &c.[4]

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory here, were 21*s.* 8*d.*—Of *Petreston*, 10*s.* 6*d.*—*Coxford* priory, 6*d.*—*Creke* priory, 4*s.* 8*d.* and *Castleacre* priory, 3*s.* 6*d.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*, in the patronage of the *Braunchs*, lords in the reign of *Edward* I. when the rector had a manse, with 30 acres of land, and was valued at 12 *marks*, and the prior of *Castleacre* had a portion valued at 5 *marks*, *Peter*-pence 12*d.* *Symon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to them 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of *William Branch*, and of the lands, late *Hoel de Waterden's.*

RECTORS.

John Trivet, occurs rector A°. 14th *Edward* I.
1317, *Thomas de Rollesby*, by Sir *Nicholas Braunche.*
1325, *John Hereward. Ditto.*
1349, *John de Sothelyngton*, by Mr. *Hervey de Stanton.*
1361, *John de Blaby*, by *Thomas Braunche.*
1372, *John de Swynstede*, by *John de Kingsford.*
1375, *Richard Atte Stone. Ditto.*
1382, *John de Stonhall*, by Sir *Nicholas Twyford.*
1391, *John Atte More*, by *William Atte Chirch, Henry Walpole de Houghton*, &c.
1409, *Edmund Lekers*, by Sir *William Calthorp, John Drew*, &c.
1421, *William Kyrre*, by *William Lexham*, &c.
1440, *Roger Sawere*, by *Richard Atte Chirch, de North Barsham*, and *Henry Walpole.*
1461, Mr. *Thomas Forest*, by *George Sefowle*, Esq.
1467, *John Cotton*, by *John Hoom*, Gent.

[4] Regist. Eccles. Cath. Norw. 5. fol. 28. 84.

1474, *Thomas Warner*, by *John Blake* of *Trows*, and *Margery*, his wife.
1493, *Thomas Kemp*, by *Thomas Sefoull*, Esq.
1527, *John Giles*, by *Giles Sefoule*, Gent.
1550, *William Davison. Ditto.*
1554, *William Poll. Ditto.*
1555, *Thomas Johnson. Ditto.*
1557, *John Potter*, by *Thomas Sefoule*, Gent. *Potter* had been a monk of *Keldon-abbey* in *Yorkshire*, lived and died at *Wissingset*.
1569, Mr. *John Muriel*, L. L. B. by the assigns of *T. Sefoule*.
1589, *Samuel Stallon*, by *Richard Percy*, Gent.; died 1613.
Joseph Lawson, died rector 1643.
John Wyard, rector, buried in 1680.
1681, *Robert Goodrick*, D. B.
1686, *Abraham Smith*, buried 1689.
1689, *Joseph Tomson.*
1723, *John King*, by *William Routley*, Gent.
1724, *Joseph Tompson. Ditto.*
1762, Mr. *Dowsing*, by the Lord *Walpole*.
St. *Catherine's* chapel, in *North Barsham*, mentioned in 1531.
Here was St. *John's* gild.
In the Register, under Mr. *Lawson's* hand,

Deo Gratias,
Quod Nos Satias,
Bonis Rusticorum,
Contra Voluntatem Eorum.

Against the north wall of this church is a murual monument, with a shield—Quarterly, *argent*, a lion rampant, in a bordure, *gules*, in the 1st and 4th *Russell*; in the 2d and 3d *or*, a chevron *gules*, and a chief *vairy*, *or* and *azure*, and impaling *Walpole*.

In memory of Phil. Russell, Esq. who married Catherine daughter of John Walpole, of Houghton, Esq. and dyed December 26, 1617, *aged* 66.

The said arms are carved on the wainscot, in the manor-house.—On the pavement of the chancel, a grave-stone, in memory of *Joseph Thomson, rector, who died in* 1723.

EAST BARSHAM.

In the same village, (*Barsham,*) as we are informed from *Doomesday book, Reiner* held of the Earl *Warren* a lordship, which belonged to *Toke* in King *Edward's* reign, consisting of a carucate of land, 3 villains, 7 bordarers, and 2 servi, and there was one carucate in demean, with one among the men, one carucate, and 3 acres of meadow, 3 mills, with the moiety of another, &c. and 15 socmen had half a carucate of land, with a carucate, and an acre of meadow, and 2 bordarers, with a carucate and one acre of meadow, a church endowed with 8 acres and an half of meadow.[5]

WOLTERTON'S MANOR.

Reiner, who held this lordship under the Earl *Warren* at the survey, was probably *Reiner de Grancourt*, who gave to the priory of *Castleacre*, the patronage of this church, when *Herbert* was Bishop of *Norwich;* his descendants either took the name of *De Barsham*, or a family of that name held it soon after.

Maurice de Barsham, in the 31st of *Henry* II. was fined 40*l.* because he gave his daughter in marriage to *William de Bellomonte*,[6] and *William* was also fined 23*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* because he married against the agreement that he had made to marry the daughter of *Ralph de Gedding*. This *Maurice* began his journey or pilgrimage to St. *James* of *Compostella* in *Spain*, on the feast of St. *Dunstan*, and gave to the priory of *Castleacre*, for the prosperity of his journey, all his corn in his granges of *East Barsham*, and *West Barsham*, 64 sheep in his foldcourse of *East*, and 16 in that of *West Barsham*, with all his tenements which he held of them, if he should not return again; he also confirmed to them the gifts of his ancestors in lands, meadows, mills, homages, and gave them the churches of *East Barsham*, and *Taterset*, with 2 men in *Taterset*, his villains; and *William de Bellomonte* and *Joan* his wife (daughter, as I take it, of *Maurice*) confirmed the same.[7]

William, son of *Ralph de Barsham*, gave to them all the land which *Aylward Barsham* held of him, for 23*s.* paid down.

In the 2d of *Richard* I. on Sunday after the feast of St. *John Port Latine*, before *William* Bishop of *Ely*, legate of the apostolick see, the Lord *Roger*, the chancellor, *William Mareschall*, *Roger Fitz*

[5] In ead villa ten. Toka p. man. i car. tre. t. r. e. Reiner tenet semp. iii. vill. et vii. bord. tc. ii. serv. tc. in. dnio. i. car. et p. nichil modo. i. et semp. hom. i. car. ii. ac. pti. iii. et dim. molin. modo ii. runc. et iiii. an. et viii. porc. LXXXVI. oves. et XV. soc. de dim. car. terre et ii. bord. semp. i. car. et i. ac. pti. i ecclia. viii. ac. et dim. ac. pti.

[6] Rot. Pip.

[7] Regist. Castle. fol. 37, 38.

Reinfrid, Robert de Whitefeld, Symon de Pateshale, Symon de Runbes, Michael Belet, Mr. *Thomas de Husseborn, Hugh Pipard,* and *Henry de Withington,* the King's justices, *Hugh,* prior of *Castleacre,* grants to *Hugh,* by fine, or *William de Bellomonte* and *Joan* his wife, the services of two freemen in *East Barsham,* and they grant a tenement, and East mill here, to the prior, with 3*s.* rent in *Kerdeston,* payable by *Roger Burgolion.* And in the 4th of *Henry* III. *Agnes,* widow of *Thomas de Barsham,* claimed dower of *Reginald de Barsham,* of lands held here in *capite.*

After this it was possessed by *Roger de Wolterton,* who, with *Alice* his wife, conveyed by fine, in the 4th of *Edward* I. to *John de Albiniaco,* and *Joan* his wife, a messuage, mill, and lands here. *Roger* sealed with, quarterly, *or* and *azure,* a bend *gules.*

In the 36th of *Henry* III. it was covenanted between *Roger de Wolterton,* on one part, *John de Byrston* and *Henry de Berney,* on the other; that whereas the said *Roger* is obliged to them in 60*l.* they agree, that if *Roger* would convey to *John* and *Henry,* an estate for 8 years, of all lands, tenements, and hereditaments in *East Barsham,* then in the possession of *John de Wolterton,* rector of *Snoring Parva,* they should enjoy it quietly for 8 years, and then the obligation to be void. And in the following year *Roger* enfeoft *John de Briston* and *Maud* his wife, and *Henry de Berney,* of all his lands, rents, services, &c. in this town, and it was agreed that *Roger* and his heirs, should have an annuity of 20*l. per ann.* issuing out of the same, to commence after the date thereof, which was at *Wolterton,* Saturday after the feast of St. *Faith* the virgin.

Thomas Gournay, Esq. and *John Hunt,* son of *William Hunt,* of *East-Barsham,* confirmed to *John Wode,* of *Briston,* Esq. and his heirs, &c. the manor of *East-Barsham,* formerly *Roger de Wolterton's,* with all the lands, foldcourses, rents, &c. which *John Hunt,* of *East-Barsham,* grandfather of the said *John,* and *William Hunt,* his father, held; except a close called *Grene's*-yard, then in the tenure of *Catherine Hunt,* mother of the said *John,* by deed dated *April* 10, in the 13th of *Henry* VI. and *John de Bryston,* of *Bryston,* Esq. son and heir of *John de Bryston,* Esq. deceased, released to *John Wode* aforesaid, all his right in this manor, *April* 2, in the 18th of *Henry* VI. and *Catherine,* widow of *William Hunt,* released to him all her right.

This *John Wode* farmed the hundred of *Gallow* and *Brotherton,* of *Elizabeth,* Queen Consort of King *Edward* IV. in the 7th of that King; he died in 1470, and was buried in *East-Barsham* church, according to his will, dated *November* 12, and proved *December* 10, following, leaving *Margery* his widow.

In the 17th of the said King, *Robert Wode,* brother and heir of *John,* confirmed to Sir *Hugh Hastings,* and *William Stather,* clerk, the manors of *Wolterton* and *Waldgraves* in this town, by deed dated *August* 1; and they by deed dated *November* 4, in the following year, confirmed them to *John Wode,* son of *Robert* and *Margaret* his wife; and *Margery Wode,* by her deed dated *November* 6, in the 19th of *Edward* IV. grants to *John Wode,* her son,[8] (by *Robert*) of *Colton,* all her goods, moveable and immoveable; this *John* seems to have

[8] John Wode, Esq. who was chose Speaker of the House of Commons in 1482, was probably this John.

died in the 11th of *Henry* VII. for in his 14th year *William Gurney*, junior, and *Thomas Sefoule*, Esq. had a grant of the custody of the manors of *Roger* his son, then a minor, and the custody of his person, in the 11th of that King.

Roger Wode, Esq. was son and heir of *John Wode*, and *Margaret*, his wife, who being remarried to *Henry Fermor*, Esq. (afterwards a knight) the said *Henry* holding by courtesey of *England*, the manors of *Wolterton* and *Waldgraves*, and minding the advancement of the said *Roger*, confirmed to him *November* 6, in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. all the said manors, lands, &c. excepting to him the said *Henry*, the site of the manor called *Wolterton's*, wherein he dwelt, with the orchard, barns, yards *Berningham's* close, a garden ground, liberty of foldage, common for sheep, &c.

Roger Wode, Esq. by his last will dated *April* 2, 1518, bequeaths the manors of *Wolterton*, *Berningham*, *East-hall*, and *Child's*, to *William Fermor*, his brother-in-law, son of *Henry*, but to remain in the hands of his executors; at this time he went a pilgrimage to *Jerusalem*, and died therein, (as I conceive,) and bequeaths his body to some holy place, either on this side the sea, or beyond, where-ever he should happen to die; to the high altar of *East Barsham*, 12*d.* to the reparation of the church 20*s.* a cowcher to be bought by his executors of the price of 8*l.* in discharging of *John Wode*, my uncle's, *Margery Wode's*, and my father's soul; to every one of his sisters 40*s.* his executors to keep his *obit*, as soon as they had notice of his death in *England*, or beyond sea; and to give then 5 *marks*, to priests, to sing, &c. and so to keep it for 5 years after, giving 13*s.* 4*d. per annum* to priests, &c.; to *Henry Farmer* and *John Fendham*, priest, his executors, each 20*s.* and it was proved at *Walsingham Parva*, *June* 15, 1520, before *John* Bishop ——— *Coludiensi Episc.*

Thomas Earl of *Surrey*, and *Thomas Lovell*, treasurer of the household to the King, on *September* 14, in the 11th of *Henry* VIII. made an award between Sir *James Boleyn*, Knt. and *Elizabeth* his wife, one of the sisters and heirs of the aforesaid *Roger*, and *Michael Makerel*, of *London*, broderer, and *Alice* his wife, another of the sisters and heirs, and *Henry Fermor*, Gent. concerning the title of the aforesaid manors, and all other the lands, &c. late *John* or *Roger Wode's*; whereby *Henry* was to have all his lands in *Norfolk*, for ever, with all evidences; they to release to him and his heirs; *Henry* to pay to Sir *James* and his wife 35*l.* and the same sum to *Michael* and his wife. And in the following year, on *August* 12, *William Whayte*, of *Titleshale*, Gent. and *Dorothy* his wife, another sister and coheir, for 35*l.* consideration, released all their right to *Henry*.

In the 24th of the said King, he was high sheriff of *Norfolk*, and a knight, and on *April* 8, in the said year, made his will; bequeathing his body to be buried in the church of *All-Saints*, of *East Barsham*, or elsewhere, as his executors shall think fit, to the high altar 13*s.* 4*d.* for tithes forgot, 20*l.* to the reparation of it, to the mother church of *Norwich* 6*s.* 8*d.* to every order of friars in *Norwich*, *Walsingham*, *Lynn*, *Blakeney*, and *Burnham* 6*s.* 8*d.*; *Cokesford* and *Hempton* abbies, each 20*s.* and to every chanon there 12*d.*; gives all his manors, lands, &c. in *Norforlk*, to *William* his son, and his heirs, remainder to *Thomas* his son; *Dame Winefred* his wife, to have an annuity of 40 *marks*, out of his manors, and her lodging in the east end of the

house, during her widowhood, with 20*l.* towards hanging the same, and trimming the chamber ; a bason and ewer of silver, a nest of gilt goblets ; a dozen of silver spoons, two goblets, two salts, and a pleane pece for her life, with meat and drink for her self, 2 maids and a man, at the charges of his son *William*, during her widowhood, and apparel, implements, and stuff of her body, except a chain which his daughter *Catherine* was to have, the residue of all her cheyns and jewels, after her decease, to *Thomas* his son ; also 4 beds, with all the apparel thereto belonging, a garnish of pewter pots, and pans, candlesticks, &c. convenient for her chamber, or else 20*l.* sterling, all after to remain to *Thomas ;* to *Amy* his daughter 400 *marks*, &c.

The said Sir *Henry* died (as I take it) in the following year; it appears that he had two wives, *Margaret*, relict of *John Wode*, Esq. by whom he had *William*, his son and heir, and *Thomas*, also *Amy*, who married *William Yelverton* Esq. of *Rougham*, and *Susan*, who married —— *Berney*, Esq. of *Gunton*. He was a person of great worth and dignity, and in the 19th of *Henry* VII. *Feb.* 14th, *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel* constituted him his feodary in the county of *Norfolk ;* his second wife, *Winefride*, was relict of *Henry Dynne*, of *Heydon*, and daughter of *Thomas Cause*, alderman of *Norwich*.

The first mention of the name of *Fermor* or *Frayermore*, is in the 18th of *Richard* II. when *William Fermor*, vicar of *West Barsham*, purchased lands in *Sculthorp*, of *John Boys*, vicar of *Feversham*, in *Kent*, late parson of *Sculthorp*. *Thomas Farmor* was witness to a deed of lands in *Taterset* in the 7th of *Henry* IV. *Henry Fermor* of *Taterset* was living in the 6th of *Henry* V. and 5th of *Henry* VI. and *Thomas Farmor*, of the said town, was living in the reign of *Henry* VI. and *Edward* IV. and probably father of Sir *Henry* abovementioned, to whom *John*, prior of the house of the blessed *Mary*, and the convent of *Hempton*, for the good and wholesome advice given to them, by him, granted by other letters patents, dated in their chapter-house, *October* 12, *Ao.* 17th of *Henry* VII. an annuity of 20*s.* sterling, issuing out of their manor of *Tofts*, for his life.

The Lady *Winefrede*, relict of Sir *Henry*, in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. remarried Sir *John Tendal* of *Hockwold* in *Norfolk*.

By an indenture dated *November* 20, in the 18th of *Henry* VIII. between *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, treasurer, of the one part, and *Henry Fermor*, of *East Barsham*, Esq. of the other part, it was agreed that *William Fermor*, son and heir apparent of *Henry*, shall, before the feast of *All Saints* following, marry *Catherine Knevet*, one of the daughters of Sir *Thomas Knevet*, deceased ; her portion of 200*l.* to be paid to *Henry Fermour*, on a settlement made by him. This *William* was high sheriff in the 32d of *Henry* VIII. and a knight ; by his will dated *August* 4th, 1557, and proved *January* 12, 1558, he gives his body to be buried where it shall please God to call him ; to the repair of *East Barsham* church 10*l.* to that of *Pudding Norton* 20*s.* to every house of *East Barsham*, and *Pudding Norton* 11*d.* to the pore men's boxe, of every town, where I have a flock of shepe going, 10*s.* Sir *William* dying without issue, *Thomas*, his nephew, was found to be his heir, son of *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. his brother,[9] and *Ann* his

[9] This Thomas was killed in Rising Chace, by the Norfolk rebels, in the 2d of Edward VI.

Quid Reddam Domino.

James Calthorpe,

of East Baſsham, in the County of Norfolk, Esqr.

Aged 38, 1640.

wife, daughter of *Christopher Coote* of *Blownorton*. *Catherine*, relict of Sir *William*, was remarried to *Nicholas Mynne* of *East Barsham*, Esq.

Thomas Fermor, Esq. son of *Thomas*, held his first court about *Michaelmas*, in the 1st of *Elizabeth*, with the lete; he was living in the 6th of *James*, and had by *Mary* his wife, daughter of —— *Fromond*, of *Cheame*, in *Surrey*, Esq. a son and heir, *William*. *Nicholas Fermor*, Esq. brother of this *Thomas*, was attainted for treasonable practices in coining in the 19th of *Elizabeth* he married *Elizabeth Waters*, (but died without issue,) and was (as is said) soon after drowned in the *Thames*.

Thomas Fermor, Esq. wasted in a great degree his estate, and sold many lordships.

William Fermor, Esq. son and heir of *Thomas*, held his first court in the 17th of *James* I. on *March* 25, and married *Anne*, daughter of *Robert Brook*, alderman of *London*, and sister of Sir *Robert Brook* of *Blyburgh*, in *Suffolk*, by whom he had a daughter and heiress, *Mary*, who by marriage, brought the manors abovementioned to *James Calthorp*, Esq.; about the 3d of King *Charles* I. by the marriage articles dated then, *January* 17, it was entailed on the said *James* and *Mary*, and their heirs, and for default, on the heirs of *James Calthorp*.

By the said *Mary*, he had issue, who died before her; his second wife was *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *Edward Lewkner* of *Denham*, in *Suffolk*, by whom he had Sir *Christopher Calthorp*, Knt. of the Bath, lord of this town, who by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Spring*, of *Pakenham*, in *Suffolk*, Knt. father of *Christopher Calthorp*, Esq. who died in 1713, (before his father, who died in 171, *February* 7,) leaving by *Ann Maria*, daughter of *William de Grey*, Esq. of *Merton*, *Christopher Calthorp*, who died aged 13 years, in *November* 1720.

On the death of this youth, his two aunts, *Elizabeth* and *Anne*, daughters of Sir *Christopher Calthorp*, inherited the estate; *Ann*, being the wife of Sir *Thomas le Strange*, had a moiety of it in her right, and *Elizabeth*, who was single, at her death, gave her part to the said Sir *Thomas*, on whose death it came to Sir *Henry le Strange*, Knt. of *Hunstanton*.

The *Calthorps* of this town, are descended from Sir *William Calthorp* of *Burnham Thorp*, &c. by *Elizabeth* his 2d wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Miles Stapleton* of *Ingham*, in *Norfolk*, as is here shewn:

Richard Calthorp, Esq. of Ingham, died and was buried at Cockthorp, 17th Henry VI. son of Sir William Calthorp, and Elizabeth. — Margaret, daughter of William, and sister and heir of John Irmingland, of Stiveky.

John Calthorp, Esq. of Cockthorp, one of the founders of the Carmelites, of Blakeney, and buried in the church there, 1503. — Alice, daughter of John Astley of Melton constable, Esq. buried by her husband.

Christopher Calthorp, Esq. of Stirston, occurs, 7th and 18th Henry VIII. lord in his wife's right. — Alianore, daughter and coheir of Robert Bernard, Esq. of Stirstone, and of Anne his wife daughter and heir of Thomas Pygot of Stirston.

James Calthorp, Esq. A° 2d Mary. — Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Garnish of Kenton, in Suffolk, Esq. remarried to Sir Jerome Bowes of London, 13th Elizabeth.

Christopher Calthorp, Esq. of Stirston, 1560, — Joan daughter and coheir of Roger Rookwood, Esq. of Fishley,

Sir James Calthorp, of Stirston, &c. A°. 30th Elizabeth, and 9th James I. — Barbara, daughter of Francis Bacon, Esq. of Hasset, in Norfolk, buried in Cockthorp church.

Christopher Calthorp, Esq. of Blakeney, 2d son of Sir James. — Maud, daughter and coheir of John Thurton, of Brome, in Norfolk, Esq.

James Calthorp, Esq. of East Barsham, father of Sir Christopher, &c. as above, by his 2d wife, Catherine, daughter of Sir Edward Lewkenor.

Sir *William Farmor* built on this manor of *Wolterton*, (as I take it,) a very large and stately manor-house, or hall, of brick, in the reign of king Henry VIII. now very much decayed, and ruinous; some years past, I found these remains of antiquity: over the great gate-house, leading into the court-yard, on the outside, are the King's arms of *France* and *England*, quarterly, supported by a lion and a griffin;[1] on the right side of it, the arms of *Fermor;—argent*, on a saltire *sable*, between four lions heads erased, *gules*, a martlet of the first between four bezants, on a chief *azure*, an anchor between two pallets, *or*, impaling *argent*, three pallets *gules*——— and on the left, *Farmer* impaling, *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, *Stapleton*.

Below these, are two wild men, or giants, in two niches, one on each side of the gate, as janitors, armed with clubs.—Over the door of the porch, leading into the hall, are the arms of *France* and *England*, with a griffin and a greyhound supporters, king *Henry* VIIth's arms, and *Farmer*, impaling.

In the bow window of the hall, this motto, on several scrolls: ——*Audaces Fortuna Juvat.*— *Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, quartering *Brotherton* Earl *Warren*, and *Mowbray*, in a garter.—*Percy* Earl of *Northumberland*, with his quarterings.—*Lucy Poyings, Fitzpayne, Bryan*, &c. in a garter.—*Knevet* quartering *Cromwell, Tatteshale, Clifton, Basset*, &c. also, *argent*, on a pale *sable*, a conger's head, or *Lucies*, or *Gascoine;* and here is this date in the window, 1538, in which year, it is probable, the house was built. Also barry of six *argent* and *gules*.

[1] The arms of King Henry VIII.

In the gre at parlour window.—— *Fermor* impaling, *argent*, a saltire between four staples, *sable*, *Wood*.—The arms of the old lords of this manor;—*Farmor* impaling *Stapleton*, *Berney* impaling *Fermor*.—*Yelverton*.—*Farmor* impaling *Knevet* with his quarterings on the chimney-piece;[2] also impaling *Coote*, &c. and this motto; *Fortior est qui se, quàm qui fortissima vincit*.—On a piece of oak, in the centre of the cieling, are the *Quinque vulnera* carved, and round it *The passion of God help me*.

In a room, called the Nursery, and above stairs, are several antique heads of men and women, in antique dresses, on the wainscoat; under the heads of one man and woman, the arms of *Farmor* and *Wood*; under others, *Farmor* and *Knevet*, *Yelverton* and *Farmor*, and *Berney* and *Farmor*.

ROCHFORD'S MANOR.

In the 28th of *Edward* III. Sir *Jaer de Rochford* of *Stiveky* conveyed, by fine, to *Ralph de Rochford*, his son, and *Maud*, his wife, a lordship here, with lands, &c. in *Hindringham*, *Kettleston*, *Geyst*, &c. by a deed, dated at *Walsingham Parva*, on *Tuesday* after the feast of St. *Mark* the Evangelist, in 41st of the said King, *Robert Lacock* of *Walsingham Magna*, chaplain, &c. grant to Sir *Ralph Rochford*, and *Maud* his wife, all their tenements, messuages, lands, rents, services, homages, wardships, freemen and villains, in *East-Barsham*; and *Alice*, daughter of *Adam Snethe* of *Warsham*, released to them all her right therein: Sir *Ralph* occurs lord in the 2d of *Richard* II. and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and the 3d of *Henry* VI. Sir *Henry Rochford*.

Sir *Ralph Rochford* of *Walpole* confirmed, in the 26th of *Henry* VI. to *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, *Edward Clere*, lands, &c.

Joan Welby of *Moulton*, in *Lincolnshire*, widow, settled it *September* 10, in the 8th of *Edward* IV. on *Elizabeth*, her daughter-in-law, (as a jointure,) and her son, *Richard Welby*; which *Elizabeth* was daughter of Sir *William Calthorp*, of *Ludham*, in *Norfolk*.

In the 22d of *Henry* VII. *George Kirkham* held a court here, on Friday after the feast of St. *George*, who had the custody of the lands, &c. of *Thomas Welby*, lord, and under age; and in the 32d of *Henry* VIII. *Richard Welby*, and *Dorothy* his wife, convey it, with *Kettleston*, *Hindringham*, &c. to *Edmund Fraymyngham*; and in the 22d of the said King, *John Hall*, of *Halstede*, in *Lincolnshire*, Gent. probably as guardian to the said *Richard*, granted a lease of this manor, and that of *Kettleston*, to *John Howlet*, for seven years, at 6*l*. rent *per annum* payable at *Lincoln*, with 6*s*. 6*d*. allowance; and covenants that *Howlet* should deliver to him yearly copies of the court rolls, and true rentals of all particular lands, whereout he had received any rent; where the lands lay, and who paid the rents; a method, indeed, worthy of being followed to prevent the loss of copy-holders, and free rents due to the lords of a manor.

Nicholas Mynne, Esq. and *Catherine* his wife, granted it by fine, in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, to *William Mynne*, Gent. quit of the heirs of *Catherine*; and on *May* 26th, in the 13th of *Elizabeth*, *Nicholas*

[2] Also Farmor impaling Fromond, per chevron ——, 3 de-lis counterchanged.

Mynne of *Walsingham Parva* released it to *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. of *East-Barsham*; so it was joined to *Wolterton's* manor.

ST. MARTIN's, OR EAST-HALL MANOR.

Richard de St. Martin, with the consent of *Juliana* his wife, and *Reginald* his son, gave to the monks of *Castleacre* 4*s.* rent out of his mill here, called *Gielp*;[3] and *Reginald*, his son, gave the moiety of that mill, with the suit, of his men in *East Barsham*, with liberty to have the mill-dam, as it was in his father's time.—Witnesses, *Richard* and *Bartholomew*, his brothers, and heirs, *Peter*, dean of *Fakenham*, &c.

Richard de Snoring, with the consent of *Mabil* his wife, gave to the said monks a house and lands, which *Reginald de St. Martin*, confirmed, being held of him. This *Reginald* held, in the 3d of *Henry* III. in this town, *Waterden* and *Hempton*, a knight's fee of the Earl *Warren*: *Roger de St. Martin* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and had the assise of bread, beer, &c.; and, in the 31st of that King *Robert de Burghulion* conveyed by fine to Sir *Roger de St. Martin*, and *Alice* his wife, several messuages, 181 acres of land, 5 of meadow, &c. 2*s.* 5*d.* rent, with that of 7 hens, in *East* and *North Barsham*.

In the 14th of *Edward* III. it was possessed by Sir *John de Bardolf*, of *Maple-Durham*, held by him of the Lord *Bardolf*, and he of the honour of *Castleacre*, by a quarter of a fee; and the Lady *Amicia Bardolf*, was infeoft of it in the 3d of *Henry* V. by *Thomas Wollaston*, clerk; and on *June* 3d, in the said year, by a deed dated in her house, in *Cosyn*-lane, *London*, made *James Lynde*, and *John Lexham*, &c. her attornies, to take seisin: but in the 5th of that King, *Edward Long*, by deed dated *July* 13th, confirmed to *John Dabridgchecourt*, lord of *Stratfield, Say* (*Hamshire*) *Stephen Lynde*, &c. this manor, with lands in *Tirington*, which he had of the gift of *John Cook*, of *Wykham*. After several other conveyances in trust, *William Staverton*, Esq. executor of the testament of *James Lynde*, a trustee, confirms it also to Sir *John Tudenham*, Knt. *John Heydon*, Esq. &c. and they on *November* 16th, in the 25th of that King, confirm to *John Wode*, and *Margery* his wife, this manor, by the name of *East-hall*; and thus it became united to *Wolterton's* manor, and passed as is there mentioned.

Besides the lordships above-mentioned, part of this town was a beruite, at the survey to the Conqueror's manor of *Fakenham*, which was held by *Herold* the King of *England*, who was slain in battle; there were here, and in *Snoring*, 3 freemen, who held amongst them three acres of land, and a carucate, valued and measured together with *Fakenham*.[4]

[3] Reg. Castleacr. fol. 37.

[4] Hund. de Galgou.—Terre Regis, —et in Barsham, et in Snaringa, iii. lib. hoes. et intr. hos hoes. iii. ac. tre. semp. i. car.

BERNINGHAM'S MANOR; OR KNOLLE'S AND WALDGRAVE'S

John de Berningham, and *Walter* his son, were living in the 31st of *Edward* I. This *John* was lord of this fee, as I take it.

In the 13th of *Edward* II. the aforesaid *Walter*, by his deed, dated at *Sculthorp*, on *Friday* after the feast of St. *Gregory* the Pope, granted to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, for 6 marks, the homages and services of several who held tenements of him in this town ;[5] and Sir *John de Norwich*, Knt. and *Thomas Waldgrave*, who was in the custody of the said Sir *John*, his guardian, held half a fee in the 20th of *Edward* III.

Sir *Richard Waldgrave*, by deed dated at *Bures*, in *Suffolk*, on *January* 1st, in the 11th of *Richard* II. sold and confirmed it to *Augustine Keling*, &c. and *Augustine*, in the following year, *May* 3d, confirmed to *John Hunt*, of *East-Barsham*, his manor here bought of Sir *Richard Waldgrave*, with a messuage, fifty acres of land, two of meadow, and certain rents. *Keling's* seal is, a chevron, componied between three cinquefoils.—After this, it was in Sir *Robert Knoll's*; and on the 24th of *January*, in the 6th of *Henry* V. *John Hunt* enfeoft *John Drew* and *Henry Says*, clerks, *William Shelton* and *Edmund Winter*, Esqrs. &c. and *Edmund Winter*, &c. infeoft *William Hunt* and his heirs, in the 11th of that King; and in the said year, *William Hunt*, *October* 30, confirmed it to Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, Sir *William Oldhall*, &c. *Hunt* sealed with, a bend, between six mullets, pierced. This, in the 6th of *Henry* IV. had, by the King's license, been conveyed by *John Seymour*, citizen of *London*, to *William Hunt*, of *East Barsham*, and *Catherine* his wife, &c. with 24 messuages, 4 tofts, 80 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 15*s.* and 2*d. per ann.* rent, and was called sometimes *Knoll's* manor, as belonging to Sir *Robert Knolls*, who, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. held half a fee here of the King in *capite*; and *John Hunt* is said to hold it then of Sir *Robert*.

In the 25th of *Henry* VI. *March* 3d, *John Hunt* of *Swaffham*, in *Norfolk*, sells to *John Wode* the manor of *Berningham* for 50 marks; and, on the 10th of the said month, *Robert Mompynson* of *Wisbech*, and *Catherine* his wife, late wife of *William Hunt* of *East-Barsham*, enfeoft *John Wode* of *Honyngham*, and *Margery* his wife, &c. in 4 messuages, 4 tofts, &c. called *Barningham's*, in this town, and *Snoring*, with the reversion of other messuages, held by *John Lynge* for life; and, at the said time, appointed *Thomas Gurnay*, Esq. their attorney, to deliver seisin to *John Wode* and *Margery*, and to *Robert*, son of the said *John* and *Margery*; and on the 10th of *May*, in the same year, *John Hunt*, of *Swaffham* market, son and heir of *William Hunt*, released to *John Wode* the said premises.

On the 28th of *June*, in the 30th of the said King, Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, &c. enfeoft *John Wode*, &c. of the manor of *Waldgrave*; and on the 6th of *March*, in the 33d of that King, *John Latham*, master or custos of the hospital of the *Holy Trinity* of *Pontefract*, called *Knolles* alms-house, in *Yorkshire*, released to *John Wode* all his right

[5] Regist. Coll. Metingh. fol. 43

in the manor *Berninghams*, and thus *Berningham's* and *Waldgrave's* manor were united to that of *Wolterton*.

CHILD'S MANOR.

This seems to have been a part of *Waldgrave's* manor. In the 14th of *Richard* II. *Richard Palmer* of *Walsingham Magna*, and *Roger Dye*, of *Waterden*, confirmed to *Thomas Chyld* of this town, a messuage, and lands, &c. formerly *Waldgrave's*, and other lands.

On the 27th of *September*, in the 7th of *Henry* IV. *John Tolle*, parson of the church of *Thirsford*, &c. released to *Thomas Leyre*, &c. this lordship, with all messuages, lands, and the 3d part of a foldcourse, rents and services of freemen, and villains, &c. and *James Walsingham*, clerk, released to the said *Thomas* all his right on the same day. It came, as is said, to *Thomas*, by descent from *Thomas Child*, of *Walsingham Magna*; and *Thomas Leyre* was lord in the 4th of *Henry* V. and then settled it on *Edmund Oldhall*, *John Lexham*, &c. in trust, and it was released in the 7th of *Henry* VI. to *William Leyre*, bastard son of *Thomas*, who confirmed to *Humfrey* Duke of *Gloucester*, and *Alianora* his wife, and *William Perkins*, Esq. this lordship, *October* 6th, in the 11th of *Henry* VI. and the said *William*, by his deed, dated *October* 20th, in the said year, released all his right herein to the said Duke; and sealed with *or*, a fess dauncette, between eight billets *ermin*.

Robert Merryman of *Hempton*, executor of *William Layer*, grants it to Sir *Thomas Tudenham*, Sir *Miles Stapleton*, &c. in the 29th of the said King, and *William Jeney*, serjeant at law, a feoffee, confirmed it on the last of *July*, in the 17th of *Edward* IV. to *Margery Wode*, widow of *John Wode*, Esq.; and in the 12th of *Henry* VIII. *William Wayte*, and *Dorothy* his wife, convey, by fine, the third part of the manor of *Chylds* to *Henry Fermor*; so that this was also united to that of *Wolterton*, and passed as is there observed.

William Wake of *Holkham* confirmed to *Richard Wake* his brother, and *Catherine* his wife, all his tenement which he had of the gift of Sir *John Daubenys*, with the lands, foldages, mills, services, customs of freemen and villains, dated at East *Barsham*, on *Thursday* after the feast of St *Ambrose* the Bishop, in the 13th of *Edward* II.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were, in 1428, 18*s*. 8*d*.

Those of *Coxford* priory 5*l*. 10*s*. 10*d*. (these were demised to *Henry Fermor* in the 7th of *Henry* VIII.) and those of *Walsingham* at 14*d*.

The tenths were 3*l*. 2*s*.—Deduct 18*s*.———Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 2*s*. 6*d*. *ob*.

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was appropriated to the priory of *Castleacre*, valued at 15 marks by *John* Bishop of *Oxford*, to take place on the death of *Stephen*, then parson of the church, saving an honest livelihood to the vicar, and obedience to the see of *Norwich*.[6] This, probably, was only when a pension was settled on the priory, and seems not to be appropriated till the 15th of *Richard* II. The rector had a manse, and 12 acres of land;

[6] Regist. Castleacr. fol. 115, &c.

the prior of *Castleacre* had also a portion, valued at 5 marks. *Peterpence* 2*s*.

On the appropriation, the vicarage was taxed at 5 marks, and the prior for the appropriated rectory at 10 marks.

The present valor of the vicarage is 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

On the north side of the church, at the west end, is the steeple, with one bell, dedicated to St. *Thomas*, the church is covered with lead. Here were formerly several bells, which being taken out of the church, and put on ship board, were lost (as is said) on *Hunstanton* sands. Against the north wall is a small mural monument:

In memory of Simon Lombe, A. M. for 43 *years God's faithful minister of this parish, who died May* 4*th*, 1689; *and of Margaret his wife, daughter of Mr. Thomas Seggeswick, merc hant of Norwich, both interred in the middle alley of this church. Erected by C. C. M. B.*

On the pavement of the chancel are several black marble gravestones.

Barbara Strut, second daughter of Robert Strut, of Hadley, in Suffolk, and Grace his wife, daughter of Christopher Calthorpe, of Cockthorpe, Esq;[7] *died May* 14th. 1714. *Ao. Ætat.* 81.—with the arms of *Strut, sable*, a chevron between three cross crosslets, fitchée *or*.

James Calthorpe, Esq; third son of James Calthorpe, Esq; and Catherine his wife died January 19, *aged* 73, *Ao. Dni.* 1717.—with the arms of *Calthorpe*.

Charles Calthorpe, Gent. youngest son of James Calthorpe, Esq; and Catherine his wife, died November 8, 1677. *Aged* 27.—with *Calthorpe's*, arms.

Catherine, second daughter of Sir Edward Lewkner, of Denham, in Suffolk, Kt. second wife, and relict of James Calthorpe, of East-Barsham, Esq; who remained a widow 25 *years, and died November* 17, 1677, *aged* 61.—with the arms of *Calthorp*, impaling *Lewkner, azure*, three chevronells, *argent*.—Also one,

In memory of James Calthorpe, Esq; late of East-Barsham; here interred, who died April 19, 1652, aged 48.—with the arms of *Calthorpe*, impaling *Fermor*, and *Calthorp* impaling *Lewkner*.

Against the south wall of the present chancel, which is taken out of the nave of the church, is a very sumptuous monument of alabaster, black marble, &c. with the effigies of a woman in her winding sheet, as raising herself with her left hand out of her coffin, her right hand and eyes elevated in a posture of adoration, and on the coffin, *Come Lord Jesu quickly*. Over her are two arches, supported by pillars of the Dorick order; in one of them is an angel offering her a crown of glory, and in the other an angel offering her a crown of laurel; and, above these, an angel as sounding the last trumpet. On the cornish of the monument are two effigies, one representing Wisdom or Knowledge, with the sun, the other with a dove, representing Innocency. On the basis of the monument, the arms of *Calthorpe*, and,

James Calthorpe, Esq; dedicates this monument to the pious memory

[7] Sir Christopher Calthorp, Knt. of the Bath.

of Mary his wife, &c. daughter and sole heir of William Fermour, Esq; and of Ann wife, daughter of Robert Brook, late alderman of London, by whom he had issue two sons who died -------, 1640.

	Died.	*Aged.*
Andrew Fermour, -------	*February* 1, 1627.	
William Fermour, -------	*November* 24, 1635.	
Fermour Calthorpe, senior, -	*March* 2, 1635.	5 *years.*
Fermour Calthorp, junior. -	*December* 1, 1637.	18 *days.*

And the said Mary at the age of 28 *years, having lived* 12 *years and* 4 *months thereof with the said James, died may* 12*th* 1640.

On the summit of the said monument is *Calthorpe* quartering, *gule* on a chief *argent* two mullets *sable, Bacon; argent,* three chessrooks *sable, Rookwood;* and, *argent,* a lion rampant *sable, Stapleton;* and on the body of it, *Calthorpe* impales *Fermour,* and *Calthorpe* impales *Brook, gules,* on a chevron *argent,* a lion rampant, *sable.*

This church in some writings is called the *Holy Trinity* of East *Barsham,* and here was the gild of *Holy Trinity,* and that of St. *Mary,* with their lights, and the light of St. *Ann.*

Richard Echingham, Esq; buried here, 1461.—Also,

John Jernyngham, senior, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife; and John Southwell, Esq.

Near to the church was the chapel of St. *Saviour,* or of the greeting of our Lady, to which belonged a mansion, with certain lands; the advowson of it was granted *March* 26, in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. to *Henry Fermor,* by *Roger Wode.*

Dionyse, relict of Sir *Peter de Tye,* Knt. wills, in 1375, to be buried at the door of the church of *Barsham* St. *Trinity;* gives a legacy to build a church porch over her grave; and money to build or repair the chapel, over the graves of her father and mother, &c.; to *Edward Charles,* her son, 100*s. per ann.* out of her manor of *Kessingland,* and 20*s per ann.* to her daughter, *Margaret de Tye.* (*Reg. Heydon. Norwich.*)

Simon Bishop of *Norwich,* in 1265, confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* the whole tithe of the demeans, late *William de Beaumonts,* of *Philip de Snoring* and *Reginald de St Martin,* and 20*s.* pensions *per ann.*[8]

Reiner de Grancourt gave to the priory of *Castleacre,* this church, in the time of *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich.*

John 1st bishop of *Norwich,* instituted *Stephen de Martiniaco* into all the profits of this church, which *Henry Decanus* held in the said church, on the presentation of the prior and convent of *Norwich,* saving a pension of 20*s.* to the priory. *William de Turbe* Bishop of *Norwich,* is said to have appropriated it to that convent, and *John de Norwich,* Bishop, is said to have granted it to the said priory, on the death of *Stephen,* the rector aforesaid, on a proper maintenance for a vicar, but not appropriated till 1393, by *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich,* who had a pension of 10*s.* and one of 3*s* to the cathedral church.

[8] Regis. Castleac. 129.

RECTORS AND VICARS.

1305, *Thomas de Holme,* rector, presented by the prior and convent of *Castleacre.*

1316, *John Gosselin. Ditto.*

1349, *Roger Austyn,* rector, by *John Leche,* rector of *Eggemere.*

1393, *John Clerk,* presented vicar by the prior, &c.

1402, *William Brown. Ditto.*

1403, *John Goleth. Ditto.*

1404, *William Ball. Ditto.*

1412, *Thomas York. Ditto.*

Adam Dunton.

1467, *Robert Hovell. Ditto.*

1474, *Henry Fysher,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

Richard Palgrave.

1476, *William Preston,* by the prior, &c.

1484, *John Luward. Ditto.*

1489, *William Preston. Ditto.*

1508, *Richard Jewhilham. Ditto.*

1509, *Thomas Butteler. Ditto.*

1517, *Robert Herryson. Ditto.*

1528, *John Coppull. Ditto.*

1538, Mr. *John Howsehold, S. T. B.* by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1580, *Robert Ward,* by *Thomas Fermour,* Esq.; in 1603, he certified that there were 69 communicants.

Simon Lomb died vicar in 1689.

John Shaw, vicar, 16--.

Thomas Wright, vicar, S. T. B. Sir *Christopher Calthorp,* lord and patron, by his will in 1718, gives to him, during his life and continuance to perform divine service here, and after his death, or remove, to the vicar of East *Barsham,* and his successours for ever, that house, out-houses, yards and orchards, in East *Barsham,* in which the said Mr. *Wright* now lives, together with the feed, of the churchyard, and vicarage tithes of all my lands in West *Barsham,* he and they answering to the vicar of West *Barsham, 5s. per ann.* being, by ancient determination in Chancery, desired to be by custom the dues to him only for the same.

Christopher Pigg died rector in 1742.

1742, *William Pritheroe,* rector, presented by Sir *Thomas L'Strange,* Bart.

NORTH CREAK,

Now accounted a part of the hundred of *Brothercross*, was at the time of the grand survey, a member of the hundred of *Gallow*, under which we find these particulars of it: *Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earl of *Norfolk*, of that name, was lord of it, and *Turstan*, son of *Guido*, held under him 4 carucates of land, which *Kochaga* possessed in the reign of the Confessor; 6 villains, 14 bordarers, and 10 servi belonged to it; there were then 4 carucates in demean, and 3 amongst the men, paunage for 20 swine, with 6 acres of meadow, &c. and 25 socmen, with 1 carucate, &c. valued at the survey at 6*l. per ann.* before that, at 4*l.*

Bigot also had half a carucate of land held by 4 freemen; *Turstan*, son of *Wido*, was enfeoffed of this by *Roger*; there was one carucate and an half, in King *Edward's* days, at the survey, two bovates, valued at 3*s. per ann.*[9]

MANOR OF CREAK.

The town takes its name from its site, on a small river or creak, and it is probable that *Turston* abovementioned was ancestor of the family of the *de Crekes*, who were lords of this town, and took their name from it; Sir *Robert de Creke*, son of *Bartholomew*, succeeded his father herein, who held 8 fees of the old feoffment in the reign of *Henry* II. of *Roger Bigot*, father of *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*. Sir *Robert* married a daughter and heiress of the *Glanviles*, by whom he had a son, *Bartholomew*, who in the reign of *Henry* III. gave lands to the monastery of St. *Osyth* in *Essex*, for the soul of *Hervy de Glanvile*, his mother's grandfather; and died about the end of that King's reign.

In the 7th of King *John*, *Bartholomew de Glanvile* granted to *Robert de Crek* and *Agnes* his wife, 2 carucates of land in *Combs* in *Suffolk*, and to the heirs of *Agnes*; and in the 10th of that King the Countess *Gundreda* sued the said *Robert* for a reasonable dower in a free tenement, &c. late *Roger de Glanvile's*, her husbands, in *Middleton*, *Yokesford*, and *Bacton*; and in the 13th of King *Henry* III. *Joan*, prioress of *Campes* in *Suffolk*, released to *Bartholomew de Creke* and his heirs, the manor of *Helmingham* in *Suffolk*.

There was a precept in the 16th of that King to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to deliver to *Richemania*, widow of *Robert de Creke*, 10*l. per ann.* in land, for her support, till *Bartholomew de Creke*, son and heir of

[9] Galgou Hd. Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—Kreichten. Turstin. fili. Guidonis iiii. car. terre. quas tenuit Kochaga. T. R. E. sep. vi. vill. et xiiii. bord. et x. serv. tc. iiii. car. in dnio. et p. m°. iii. tc. hom. iii. car. modo. iii. et possent restaurari. silv. ad xx. porc. vi. ac. pti. semp. i. runc. tnc. xvii. porc. modo. xiii. tc. ccc. et. xx. m°. cc. lxiiii. et. xxv. soc. de i. car. T. R. E. tc. vii. car. m°. v. tc. val. iiii. lib. m°. vi.—In Creich iiii. lib. hoes. de dimidia car. tre. quos tenet Turstinus filius Widonis, tc. i. car. et dim. m°. ii. bov. et. val. iii. sol.

Robert, should return out of *Ireland*, and assign her a dower; this *Bartholomew* was a knight, and married *Margery*, daughter and heiress of *Geffrey de Anos*, of *Hillington*; and in the 19th of *Henry* III. *Richemania* aforesaid brought her action for being disseized unjustly of part of her capital messuage here. Sir *Bartholomew* died about the 36th of *Henry* III.; he had by *Margery* his wife, 3 sons, *Robert*, who succeeded his father, and was lord of this town, in the 38th of the said reign, but dying without issue, enfeoffed *Margery* his mother, in this lordship. *Jeffrey* was the second son, and *John*, the third son, and *Sarah*, a daughter, married to *Roger Fitz Peter Fitz Osbert*.

In the 41st of *Henry* III. the bailiffs of *Margery de Creke* received stallage, in the fair at this town; and in the 43d of that King, she gave the advowson of the church of *Flixton*, in *Suffolk*, with lands there to *Alianora* the prioress, by fine, (of which priory she was the foundress; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. she had free warren here, with the assise of bread and beer.

Margery de Creke, by her deed *sans date*, granted to *John* her son, and his heirs, her manor of *Creke*, with all its appertenances, saving to herself all foreign fees; and to her nuns of *Flixton*, the advowson of that church which they had of her gift; and if the said *John* should die before her, then to return to her and her heirs: *witnesses, Robert de Valoins, Robert Fitz John, William de Calethorpe*, and *Roger de Thoftes*, Knts. *Bartholomew Marsh de Stanhowe, John Adelwald de Suthcreke*. The *witnesses* to her grant of the advowson of *Flixton*, were Sir *Robert Valoins*, Sir *Roger de Ratlisden*, Sir *Walter de Redesham*, Knts. Sir *John de Stowe*, rector of *Helmingham*: her seal, quarterly, in the 1st and 4th a bend over all between 2 roundles, (or bezants, quære,) and in the 2d and 3d, three of the same, and this legend, *Sigillum Margerie de Crec.*

She was daughter and heir of *Jeffrey de Anos*, lord of *Hillington*, and these were probably his arms.

In the 9th of *Edward* I. *John de Creke* was lord, and had then by letters patent, dated at *Shuldham, (Norfolk,) January* 18, to him and his heirs, the grant of a weekly mercate here, on Tuesday, and a yearly fair on the eve, day, and morrow of St. *Michael*; *witnesses*, R. Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hertford*, *Roger de Clifford*, *Anthony Bek*, Archdeacon of *Durham*, *Hugh Fitz Otto*, *Robert Fitz John*, *Peter de Chaunprent*, *Richard de Bosco*, &c.

Sir *John de Creke* died in or about the 11th of the aforesaid King; the eschaetor gave an account of 26*l.* &c. of the issues of the lands of the said *John*, at *Aketon* in *Suffolk*, from *November* 25, to *June* 16, following, in the said year; and *Sarah* his sister, wife of *Roger Fitz Peter Fitz Osbert*, was his heir, and she dying *sans* issue, about the 20th of the said reign, *Roger* her husband held it by the courtesy of *England*, on whose death in the 34th of the said reign, this lordship was found to be held by one fee of the Earl of *Norfolk*, valued at 40*l.* On his death, the descendants and heirs of *Margaret*, one of the sisters of Sir *Bartholomew de Creke*, and aunt of *Sarah*, and the descendants of *Isabel*, another of the sisters of Sir *Bartholomew*, and aunt to *Sarah*, were coheirs to this lordship.—*Margaret*, married Sir *John de Thorp*; and in the 18th of *Edward* II. *Alice*, widow of *John de Thorp*, (grandson of Sir *John*,) had the King's writ directed to *John*

de Blomvill, eschaetor of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk, Cambridge,* &c. dated *April* 18, at *Beauliau,* for dower to be assigned her, out of certain knight's fees, *viz.* one in *West Thorp,* in *Suffolk,* held by *Adam Coniers,* valued at 8*l.* one in *Wynston* and *Croffield,* held by *Ralph de Bocking,* of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the moiety of one in *Stanhow, Norfolk,* held by *Roger de Calthorp,* of 60*s.* and the fourth part of a fee in *Ryburgh Parva,* and *Stybberd,* held by *Thomas de Snetterton,* the prior of *Fakenham-Dam,* the abbot of *Creyk,* and the prior of *Binham,* of 40*s. per ann.*; and by virtue of a mandate from the King, *Richard de Hacford,* the eschaetor's deputy, took an oath of *Alice,* that she would not marry without the King's license, and assigned to her dower, in full of her claim, in the manors of *North Creak* and *Hillington,* in *Norfolk,* and *Combs* in *Suffolk,* and two parts of the capital messuage of this manor, towards the north, containing one acre, 2 roods, 26 perches, with one grange, one granary, with a chamber next it, a stable with a chamber, a cart-house, bake-house, with a chamber, all valued at 6*s.* 8*d.*—Arable land demeans, six score and eleven acres, 2 roods, and 3 perches, valued at 6*l.* 6*s.* 4*d. ob. q. per ann.* meadow land, 7 acres, valued at 12*d. per ann. per* acre, and pasture, 1 acre, and 1 rood, valued at 2*s.* 11*d.* the moiety of the windmill, valued at 14*s.*; 16 acres and a rood of heath, with the barlings valued at 19*s.* 1*d.*; the coney warren at 12*d.*; 7 acres and 3 roods, in *East Lyng,* at 6*s.* 2*d.*; two parts of a barn, at 16*d.*; one faldstone, at 4*s.* 6*d.*; the moiety of the mercate 16*d.*; two parts of the fair, at 5*s.* 4*d. per ann.*; two parts of the free bull, and free boar, at 12*d. per ann.*; two parts of the pleas, and perquisites of courts, at 20*s.*; the service of *Roger de Calthorp,* for the manor of *Stanhow,* paying 4*s. per ann.* with the services of several free tenants, amounting to 28*s.* 6*d. per ann.*; also the rents, services and customs, of many tenants, called molmen, and of tenants called barlimen and havermen, amounting to 4*l.* 4*s. per ann.* the whole being about 17*l.* 10*s. per ann.*

Another of the sisters of Sir *Bartholomew de Creke,* and aunt to *Sarah* above-mentioned, sister and heir of Sir *John de Creke,* was *Isabel,* who married the Lord *John de Valoines,* from whom descended *Robert* Lord *Valoins,* who left 2 daughters and coheirs, *Rohesia,* who married Sir *Edmund de Pakenham,* and *Cicely,* the wife of *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk,* and between the heirs of the two sisters of Sir *Bartholomew,* and aunts of *Sarah de Creke,* was this lordship divided. The *Thorps* of *Ashwellthorp,* as heirs of *Margaret,* holding one moiety, and the *Pakenhams* and the *Uffords,* as heirs to the other sister, *Isabel,* having the other moiety.

Sir *Robert de Thorp* was lord of a moiety, and Sir *Edmund de Pakenham,* and *Rohesia* his wife, of the other, in the reign of *Edward* II. *Ufford,* and his wife, *Cecilia,* having resigned to them their right in it; and in the 16th of *Edward* III. *Hervey de Pakenham,* rector of *Hopton,* conveyed by fine to *Hugh de Saxham,* and *Roesia* his wife, a moiety of this manor and advowson, settled on *Hugh* and *Roesia,* for her life, remainder to *Thomas de Pakenham,* son of *Roesia,* daughter and heir of *Robert* Lord *Valoines;* and in the 20th of the said King, *Beatrix de Thorp,* relict of Sir *Robert de Thorp, Hugh de Saxham,* and *Roesia,* were lords.

On an inquisition taken in the 35th of King *Edward* III. *Mary de Pakenham,* widow of *Edmund de Pakenham,* son of Sir *Edmund* and

Roesia, was found to die seized of a moiety; she was daughter and coheir of *Edmund Comyn*, of *Fakenham Aspes*, in *Suffolk*; and *Eufemia* was found to be her sister and heir, aged 50, married to *William de la Beche*, by whom she had *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Roger Elmrugg*; after this it came to the priory of *Walsingham*, as I shall show.

In the 36th of *Edward* III. Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, of *Ashwell Thorp*, was lord of a moiety, and Sir *Edmund*, son of Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, settled it in trust, *August* 13, in the 17th of *Richard* II. on *Roger Davy* of *Middleton*, *William de Bumpsted*, parson of *Massingham Parva*, and *John Aslack* of *Crostweyt*; and on the death of Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, killed in the wars of *France*, in the reign of *Henry* V. it came to his 2 daughters and coheirs, *Isabel* and *Joan*, and on default of issue of the said *Joan*, *Isabel*, the wife of *Philip Tilney*, inherited it, and died possessed of it in 1436, whose son, *Frederick Tilney*, Esq. left it to his only daughter *Elizabeth*, wife of Sir *Humphrey Bourchier*, eldest son of *John* Lord *Berners*.

John Duke of *Norfolk*, by his deed dated *Dec.* 4, in the 35th of *Henry* VI. reciting that this lordship was held of him by knight's service, and that the wardship of *Elizabeth*, wife of *Humphrey Bourchier*, son and heir of *John* Lord *Berners*, with the custody of this manor, belonged to him; during the minority of the said *Elizabeth*, for 20 *marks*, paid him by the Lord *Berners*, he grants the custody of it to him. Sir *Humphrey* being slain at *Barnet-Field*, on the part of King *Edward* IV. in 1471, the Lady *Elizabeth* remarried to *Thomas*, son and heir of *John* Lord *Howard*, afterwards Earl of *Surry*, and Duke of *Norfolk*, who was lord in her right; and after their decease, it descended to Sir *John Bourchier* Lord *Berners*, son and heir of Sir *Humphrey* aforesaid and the Lady *Elizabeth*, on whose death it came to his two daughters, *Mary* and *Jane*; *Mary* was the wife of *Alexander Unton*, Esq. and dying without issue, *Jane* her sister became sole heir to her father; she married *Edmund Knevet*, Esq. second son of *Edmund Knevet* of *Buckenham Castle*, Esq. who with his wife, had livery of this lordship, *July* 5th in the 25th of *Henry* VIII. and was seized of all the estates of the *Thorps*. In this family it remained till Sir *Thomas Knevet* sold it, *June* 19th in the 33d of *Elizabeth*, to *Richard Mansure* of *North Creke*, for 1300*l*. The *Mansures* are said to descend from *John Mansure*, who farmed this lordship at 10*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*.[1] in the 14th of *Edward* IV. whose son, *Richard* of *North Creak*, married *Catherine*, daughter of *John Beckham* of *Norfolk*, Gent. by whom he had *Henry*, who died without issue; and *John Mansure*, who married first, *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Edward Archer* of *Wisbeach*, in the isle of *Ely*, and had a son *Henry*, who died *s. prole*; his second wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Richard Newton* of *South Creak*, by whom he had *Richard Mansure*[2] (who took to wife *Alice*, daughter of *Giles Seafoul* of *Waterden*, Esq.) and *Anne*, married to *William Armiger*; and on the death of *Richard*, in 1592, it came to *Anne* aforesaid.

[1] About this time, Richard Tilney, rector, farmed this lordship, and it appears, by a *computus*, to amount to 10*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. excepting reliefs, wards, &c. and the advowson of the church.

[2] I find that Richard Manser of North Creak, by his will, dated April 18, 1531, and proved April 26, left Joan his widow, and Alice his 1st wife, deceased, Henry Mansure his son, executor, Thomas Sydney, Gent. supervisor, and John his son.

In the 39th of *Elizabeth*, *William Armiger* and *Anne* his wife, sister and heir of *Richard Mansure*, levied a fine, *September* 3d, and settled their manor of *Thorp-Hall*, in *North Creak*, on *William*, *Miles*, and *Mansure Armiger*, their sons; *William* the father died *March* 17, 1607, and *Anne* his wife, in 1610: *William Armiger*, the eldest son, by *Catherine*, sole daughter and heir of *John Hare*, Esq. had *William* and *Clement*; *William* married *Mary*, daughter of —— *Vernatti*, and sister of Sir *Philibert Vernatti*, by whom he had *William*, his son and heir, who, having no children by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of —— *Lucy*, was succeeded by *Gabriel* his brother, lord of this manor in 1698, and one of the attornies in the King's Remembrancer-office in the Exchequer. From the *Armigers*, it came to *Sarah*, relict of *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, who left it to the honourable *John Spencer*, Esq. &c.

The *Armigers* are an ancient family; *William Armiger* of *Bury* had lands in *Bury*, given him by *Hugh*, abbot, in the beginning of *Henry* the Third's reign. *Robert Armiger* of *Otley*, in *Suffolk*, held a messuage and lands there, called *Armiger's*, and lands in *Clapton*, in 11th of *Richard* II. and 14th of *Henry* IV. *William Armiger*, his son, was living in the 37th of *Henry* VI. and by *Maud* his wife, daughter of *Joyce*, had a son *John*, of *Oatley*, living in the 5th of *Henry* VII. who married *Agnes*, daughter of *Walter Blake* of *Huntingfeld*, and left *Thomas* his son and heir, who made his will in 1517, and purchased the manor of *Canewden*; by *Alice* his wife, daughter of —— *Pell*, and sister of Dr. *Pell*, rector of *Hitcham*, was father of *John Armiger* of *Otley*, who died in 1539; and by *Isabella* his wife, daughter of —— *Raynburgh*, had *Thomas* his son, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas Heyham*, of *Heyham-Hall*, in *Gasely*, Esq. and was father of *Thomas Armiger* of *Bury*, and lord of *Monewden*, who, by *Jane* his wife, daughter and coheir of *John Eyre*, Esq. receiver of the revenues of King *Edward* VI. in *Suffolk*, had *Thomas*, his son and heir, of *Thrundeston*, in *Suffolk*, lord of *Canewden*, in *Essex*, and *William Armiger*, his second son, of *Cagworth*, in *Suffolk*, and afterwards lord of *North-Creak*, in right of his wife *Anne*, sister and heir of *Richard Mansure*, and died, as is above said, in 1607.

Armiger bore *azure*, two barrulets *argent*, between three helmets *or*, and quartered vairy, *argent* and *sable*, a bend over all, *gules*, *Mansure*; crest a lion seiant, *gules*, on a ducal coronet *or*.

WALSINGHAM-PRIORY MANOR.

Mary de Pakenham, widow of *Edmund de Pakenham*, who died possessed of a moiety of the manor of *North-Creak* (as I have above observed) in the 35th of *Edward* III. gave it by her will to the priory of *Walsingham*,[3] and *Eufemia*, her sister and heir, entered on it as a trustee, and conveyed it to Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale*, Sir *John de Wingfeld*, Sir *Gilbert de Debenham*, and *John de Bletso*, &c.; and in the following year, Sir *Roger de Elmrugg*, Knt. and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William de Beche* and *Eufemia* aforesaid, conveyed it by fine to Sir *Ralph Hemenhale*, and *John Bletsho*, chaplain: and the said Sir *Ralph* had license in the 40th of *Edward* III. to alien it

[3] Regist. Walsingh. fol. 23, &c.

to this priory, with the moiety of the advowson; but in the 44th of that King, the prior of *Walsingham* was sued in the Exchequer, and the Lady *Margaret*, Duchess of *Norfolk*, entered into the said manor; her license, as capital lady of the same, not being obtained; but in the 2d of *Richard* II. it was granted the prior, paying 100*s.* relief, it being valued at 5*l. per ann.* and performing homage for the same.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior and Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, held two fees here, and an half, of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*.

In the 4th of *Edward* VI. *June* 19th, it was granted, with its right of patronage, and a foldage of 600 ewes, in the tenure of *William Vowell*, to *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successours; it was called *North-Creak, Houghton's*, alias *Lexham's*, with a foldage of sheep.

In 1600, the *Armigers* held it of the Bishop of *Norwich*, (as I take it,) and the quitrents were 3*l.* 4*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

EARL WARREN'S MANOR, OR CALTHORP'S.

Lambert held under the Earl, in *Waterden*, one carucate of land, which two freemen possessed in the days of King *Edward;* and one of these freemen had one other freeman in *Creak*, who had half a carucate; 6 bordarers held of them in *Waterden* and here, one carucate, &c. The whole was valued at 20*s.* in King *Edward's* time, and at the survey at 17*s.* 4*d.* and there was in *Waterden* a church with 5 acres.[4]

Sir *Hervey de Stanhow* was lord in the reign of King *Henry* III. in the 3d of *Edward* I. had the assise and frankpledge of his tenant, and gave two parts of the corn tithe of his demeans to the church of *Norwich*, which was confirmed to the monks by the Bishop of *Norwich:*[5] This came to Sir *Walter Calthorp*, by the marriage of *Cecilia*, daughter and heir of Sir *Hervey*, who had view of frankpledge, and assise of bread and beer of his tenants; and in the 5th of *Edward* III. *William de Calthorp* was lord. Sir *Bartholomew de Calthorp* held in the said reign here, and in *Burnham Thorp*, half a fee, which *Roger Fitz Peter* formerly held of the Earl *Warren:* from the *Calthorps* it came to the *Harsicks* of *Southacre*, by marriage.

In 1625, Mr. *William Vowell* was lord of *Calthorp's* manor in *North Creak*, and held it as a tenant to *Christ* college in *Cambridge*. See in *Creak* abbey.

THE EARL OF CLARE'S MANOR

King *William*, on the conquest, gave to *William de Scohies* the lordship held here by *Turchill*, before this grant, consisting of one carucate of land; and *Turstin* held it under *Scohies*, with one villain, 12

[4] Tre. Will. de Warrenna.——In Wat. denna ten. Lambert. i. car. tre. qua. tenuer. ii. lib. hoes. T. R. E.—In Creich tenebat i. ex istis i. aliu. libum. hom. de dim. car. tre. et sub ipsis vi. bord. et int. eos i. car. i. quarum carr. est in dominio, modo i. runc. et v. porc. et LX. oves tc. val. xx. sol. modo xvii. sol. et iiii. d. et ht. in longo iii. quar. et ii. in lato, et xii. in gelto, una ecclia. v. abr.

[5] Regist. Eccles. Cath. Norw. 2d, P. 81.

bordarers, one servus, two carucates in demean, and one, of the tenants, 3 acres of meadow, a mill, 60 sheep, &c. and 2 socmen had 2 acres, valued at 40*s.* after at 30*s.*[6] In the reign of *Henry* I. *Scohies* conveyed it to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham*, and *Rohaisa* daughter and coheir, brought it by marriage, to *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, ancestor of the Earls, of *Clare*. *Walter de Calthorp* was found in the reign of *Henry* III. to hold one fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*

In the 43d of *Edward* III. *John de Rede* of *Bedford*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed by fine to *John de Wesenham* the third part of 10 marks rent; and before this, *William Clerveaux* of *Upwood*, in *Huntingdonshire*, conveyd to *Wesenham*, 10 marks rent here, with the service of *William Calthorp*, and *Isabel* his wife; and Sir *William Calthorp*, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. held one knight's fee of the honour of *Clare*.—The tenths of the town were 9*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, for *Knevet's* manor, *Walsingham's* manor, and *Calthorp's*, in *Christ* college, *Cambridge*, 3*s.*

Ralph de Passelewe, by deed *sans* date, gave for his soul, and that of *Emma* his wife, to *Trinity* church at *Norwich*, all his tithe here, and certain lands at *London*;[7] and whoever did not oppose, or pervert this gift, he prays to God to reward, and that they may partake of this gift, and that an anathema, or curse, may light on all that oppose it, and eternal damnation at the coming of our Lord *Jesus Christ*. And *Gilbert Passelewe* gives to the said church, or confirms, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of his hall in *Creak*, which *William Passelewe* his father, gave to that church, for the health of his own soul, and that of *Matilda* his wife, and of all his ancestors and successours.

In 1417, *August* 28th, the elemosunary of *Norwich*, and the rector agreed, that the rector should pay 20*s.* *per annum* for the said tithes for ever.

In the 17th of *Edward* I. *Beatrix*, prioress of *Flixton*, St. *Catherine*, church, conveyed her right, by fine, in the patronage of this church, and that of *Combs*, in *Suffolk*, to *Roger-Fitz Peter Fitz-Osbert*, and *Sarah* his wife, who granted, in consideration of giving to the said prioress and her successours, the manor of *Flixton* with the moiety of that church, 4 acres of land in *Helmingham*, and the advowson of that church; a messuage, and 26 acres of land in *Wilby*, in *Suffolk*; a messuage, and 29 acres of land in *North Creak*; the advowson of the church of *Dunstan*, in *Norfolk*, and that of *Fundenhale*, in pure alms. The prioress had at this time 63 acres of land, with a fold-course; also 110 acres of the grant of *Margery de Creke* (the foundress) formerly *Jordan de Pratis's*, and 11 formerly *Benedict de Helmingham's*, here.

On the dissolution of religious houses this came to the Crown, and was granted *September* 12th, in the 36th year of *Henry* VIII. to *John Eyre*, Esq. and then in the tenure of *John Knape*.

In 1417, *August* 28th, an agreement was made between the eleemosyner of the priory of *Norwich*, and the rector of *Creyk*, that the rector and his successour should receive the two parts of the tithes of the lands belonging to him, paying 20*s.* *per. ann.* this was of *Candos's*,

[6] Galgou. Hd. terra Will. de Scohies. —Creic tenuit Turchill. T. R. E. i. car. tre. modo Turstin. semp. i. vill. et xii. bor. tc. i. ser. sep. ii. car. in dnio et i. car. houm. iii. acr. pti. i. mol. tc. LX. ov. mo. null. et ii. soc. de ii. ac. tc. et p. val. XL. sol. mo. XXX.

[7] Reg. Eccles. Cath. Norw. 2. fol. 67.

and *Hervey de Stanhow's* lands before-mentioned; and in 1428, this portion of tithe was valued at 24*s. per annum.*

Richard, the prior of *Walsingham,* with the convent, granted to *John Pennye,* their apothecary and physican, and *Thomas Pennye* his son, certain turns of presentation to the church of *North Creak,* on *April* 1st, in the 12th of *Henry* VIII.

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory, in 1428, were 11*s.* 3*d.*

Near the pulpit, a gravestone with a brass plate:

In memory of Henry Mansure, Esq; who died February 15th, 1566.

John Manser of *North Creak,* by his will dated *August* 17th, 1517, requests to be buried in the north isle of this church: *John* his son, and *Margaret* his wife executrix, *Richard Manser,* of *North Creak,* supervisor.[8]

Richard Manser of this town, buried according to his will, *April* 18th, 1551, in this church, left *Joan* his wife, and a son *John, Alice* his wife, deceased, and a son *Henry* executor, and *Thomas Syney,* Gent. supervisor, and buried in the cross isle:

O Jesu, as you art our saviour and redeemer, have mercy, and save the soul of Richard Manser.

At the end of the north isle, on a gravestone, a brass,

In memory of Anne Armiger, widow, late wife of William Armiger, Esq; who died February 16th, 1609. *William Armiger, Esq; buried March 17th,* 1607.

On a south window:

Will. Dynne et Cecilia, uxor ejus, istam fenestram fieri fecerunt, Ao. Dni. 1484.

Edmund Banyard, Gent. buried 1542.—*Elizabeth Manser, Gent, May* 2, 1578.

William Armiger, Gent. and Ann Manser, married February 22, 1568.—*Richard Manser, and Ursula Brampton, married September* 22, 1584.

Catherine Armiger, widow of William Armiger, Esq; buried January 5, 1635,

The church his dedicated to the Virgin *Mary,* and a rectory anciently valued at 45 marks; the present valor is 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays first fruits.

In the reign of King *Edward* I. Sir *John de Creyk* was lord and patron, when there was also another church, called St. *Michael* in the *Mount,* in which there was service only once a week: it was parochial, had a right of baptism, and said to be the most ancient church. The rector had a manse, and 5 acres of land, valued, with its vicarage, at 45 marks, and the vicar paid synodals and procurations. *Peter*-pence 4*s.* The prior of *Norwich* had a portion of 24*s. per annum* for the tithe of the lands, granted by *Ralph Passelew.*

[8] Reg. Norw. Lib. Palgrave, P. 22.

RECTORS, &c.

Robert, archdeacon of *Coventry,* was rector about 1220.

In 1311, sequestration of this church granted to

John de Norwich, clerk.

Eudo de Tilny occurs vicar, *Ao.* 14th *Edward* I.

1311, *John de Sendale* instituted rector, presented by Sir *John de Thorp,* afterwards Bishop of *Winchester.*

1316, *Hervey de Stanton,* by Sir *Edmund Pakenham.*

1327, *Roger de Swathyng,* by Sir *Robert de Thorp.*

1365, Mr. *Thomas de Schirford.*

1387, *George,* son of Sir *Edmond Thorp,* by Sir *Edmund.*

1388, *Richard de Docking,* by *ditto.*

Richard Tilney occurs rector in or about 1470.

Charles Allen occurs in 1494.

1505, *John Underwood,* titular Bishop of *Calcedon,* collated by the Bishop.

1525, *Roger Townsend. Ditto.*

Richard Vowel, rector, buried in 1550.

John Fuller, L. L. D. rector about 1550, chancellor of *Norwich,* &c.

John Cowell, rector, buried in 1562.

John Mey occurs rector, and held it with his fee of *Carlisle* in 1577.

John Holland occurs rector in 1605, and certified that there were 190 communicants in this parish, and that the Bishop of *Norwich,* and *William Armiger,* Esq. were then patrons.

Robert Pearson occurs rector in 1607, buried in 1639.

John Hassel, D. D. in 1639, dean of *Norwich,* died, in the time of the Usurpation, in great want and poverty, deprived of his rectory, &c.

1727, *Thomas Bulloek,* collated by the Bishop, dean of *Norwich.*

1760, *Charles Poyntz,* by *Hugh* Earl of *Marchmont, Beverston Filmer,* and *John Spencer,* Esqrs.

In a bill in chancery preferred by *Richard Corbet* Bishop of *Norwich* against *Dereham,* &c. farmers of *Creak* abbey, it is set forth, that of the church of St. *Michael* in the *Mount* here *Richard Vowel* was parson, when his brother, *William Vowel,* lived in the abbey by *Creke,* and farmer of it, who by the allowance, &c. of his brother *Richard* the parson, did pull off, and carry away the lead of the said church, and deface the same church, whereby the next farmer of the same, *viz. Francis Brampton,* Gent. did intitle himself to the said ruins, and as lord of the same abbey, did grant to *Francis White* the said chapel, by the name of St. *Michael,* to hold to him and his heirs, by the rod, paying 1*d. per annum,* and is since come to one *Titchwell,* to the disinherison of the Bishop, patron of the same, at least *alternis vicibus.*

CREAK ABBEY.

In the year 1206, there was a church founded in a place called *Lingerscroft*, containing about 400 acres of ling, or heath, lying between *Creak* and *Burnham*, in the meadows, and called from thence St. *Mary de Pratis*, by Sir *Robert de Nereford*, who married *Alice* daughter and coheir of *John Pouchard*, son of Sir *William Pouchard*; which 400 acres, *Philip de Candois*, of *Burnham*, gave in perpetual alms to the monks of *Castelacre*, in the time of King *Stephen*; and afterwards *Roger*, prior of *Castleacre*, and the convent, enfeoffed the said Sir *William* of the same. In the reign of *Henry* II. there was mass said in the said church, but Sir *Robert Narford* being constable of *Dover* castle under *Hubert de Burgh*, chief justice of *England*, and obtaining a victory at sea over the *French*, designing to invade *England*, with the consent of *Alice* his wife, built a chapel to St. *Bartholomew*, with an hospital for 13 poor lay brethren, and 4 chaplains, and a master or head. *William de Geyst*, with the consent of his patroness *Alice*, being the first chaplain, took upon him a canonical habit, with his brethren, and was called prior of St. *Mary de Pratis* by *Creke*, by whom the aforesaid land was manured in their own hands, and proper costs; and the said chapel and hospital were dedicated, 1221, by *Jeffrey de Burgh* Bishop of *Ely*, (nephew of the said *Alice*, and brother of *Hubert de Burgh*,) suffragan to *Pandolf* Bishop of *Norwich*, the Pope's legate.—After this the Lady *Alice* settled the advowson of this priory on King *Henry* III. and his heirs for ever; who made it an abbey, and confirmed his liberties, *October* 26, in his 15th year. She also, in her widowhood, confirmed by deed *sans date*, all their privileges: *Witnesses, John de Burgo, Reymund de Burgo*; and gave lands in North *Creak*; also confirmed to this hospital of St. *Mary* of *Lyngscroft*, situate between *Burnham* and *Creak*, and to the brethren, the patronage of the moiety of the church of *Wreningham All-Saints*, of which she was the lawful patroness, which Sir *Robert* her husband, had by his deed given them, with the church of St. *Margaret* of *Hapton*, when it should be vacant. Sir *Robert* also gave 40 acres to this hospital, which he bought of *Robert Gedding*, and 40 of the inheritance of his lady, with her consent.

Sir Ralph de Gatle, son of Sir *Ralph de Gatle*, granted two pieces of land in the fields of *Gatle*, with the advowson of that church:—*Witnesses*, Sir *Robert de Creke, Geffrey* his son, Sir *Robert de Burdon, Richard de St. Denys, Gilbert* his son, Sir *Roger Mortimer*, Sir *John Narford*, &c.

In the beginning of the reign of King *Henry* III. 1228, there was an agreement between *Robert* the prior, and convent of *Castleacre*, and *William*, master of the hospital of St. *Mary de Pratis*, and the brethren, about 10*s*. rent, in North *Creak*, and *Burnham Thorp*, which rent the prior used to receive of *John Pouchard* and his heirs, out of 40 acres of land, in those towns, which the Lady *Alice de Nereford*, heir of the said *John*, gave in her widowhood, in pure alms to the said hospital, whereby the prior and convent released the said rent to the hospital for ever, in exchange for 40 acres of land, and 12*d*. rent, in South *Creak*, and the rents of 3*s*. and one capon, in North

Creak:—*Witnesses, Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich, Martin de Pattishull,* archdeacon of *Norwich,* justice of the King's Bench, *Hugh,* abbot of St. *Edmund, Thomas de Heydon,* justice, *William de Insula, Warine de Monte Canisio, Herbert de Lenn,* then sheriff, *Robert de Creke, Nicholas Butler, John de Fleg, Reyner de Burgo, William de Gimingham.*—*Robert de Creke* gave lands to them; *William* occurs abbot of *Creak* in the 31st of *Henry* III.

In the aforesaid reign, the abbot of *Creak* held in North *Creak* and *Burnham Thorp,* two parts of a fee of *Roger Fitz Peter.*

Sir *Eudo de Arsyke* of *Southacre,* and the Lady *Alice* his wife, were benefactors.

Thomas, son of *Gosceline de Gately, John,* son of Sir *Ralph de Gately, Roger de Molendinis,* gave them lands in *Gately;* and King *Henry* III. confirmed Pope *Alexander's* bull, of the appropriation of the church of *Gately,* to this abbey.

Sir *John Marshall* gave them lands in *Bintre.* —— *Godfrid,* abbot, *temp. Henry* III.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior was found to hold in *capite,* of the gift of Sir *William de Bodham,* a tenement in South *Creak,* and 10*s.* rent *per ann.* payable into the Exchequer, and 20*s. per ann.* to *Dover* castle ward, and had a view of frankpledge, assise, &c. of the gift of *Henry* III.

King *Henry* III. in his 10th year, *May* 23d, granted to the Lady *Alice de Nereford,* that the fair which her husband had procured to be held on the eve and feast of the annunciation of the Virgin *Mary,* at the hospital of *Lingscroft,* should be altered, and held on the eve and feast of St. *Thomas* the Martyr; and in his 15th year, made it an abbey, and confirmed all its possessions.

Sir *Stephen de Hales,* &c. aliened to them 145 acres and an half of land, and the rent of 10 *marks,* in North *Creak, Burnham Thorp, Quarles* and *Holkham,* in the 15th of *Richard* II.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Bartholomew de Burgate* was abbot, as appears from a pleading; and in the following year the jury present, that the abbot claimed to have four fairs in a year, at *Creke, viz.* on the feast of the annunciation of the Virgin, on the translation of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, on the feast of St. *Bartholemew,* and that of St. *Nicholas,* by the grant of King *Henry* III. A°. 11.

ABBOTS.

1303, *Thomas de Sutcreyk,* admitted abbot.
1334, *John de Hardele.*
1351, *Robert de Dockyng.*
1353, *Thomas de Redham.*
1356, *Thomas de Brandon.*

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *Thomas,* the abbot, sued for 10 *marks* rent in *Rechetsthorp* in *Northamptonshire,* on account of the disseising of it, in the time of his predecessor *Godfrid,* in *Henry* the Third's time; and in the 4th of the said King, *James le Porter* and *William Quarles* gave a messuage with 40 acres, in North and South *Creke.* The abbot in a suit for a corrody with the King, in his 9th year, pleads that the abbey was not a royal foundation, but that the Lady *Alice de*

Nerford, the foundress, granted the patronage to King *Henry* III. In the 32d of the said King, Sir *Walter Calthorp* gave them a meadow, and in the 39th year, Sir *Oliver de Calthorp* was a benefactor.

John de Ash, admitted abbot in 1360.

1393, *John de Wighton*.

1412, *Robert de Fellbrigg*, and he occurs abbot in 1426.

In the 3d of *Henry* V. *Robert Fellbrigg* occurs abbot, and conveyed to Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, a moiety of the advowson of *Wreningham-Magna*, which was of the gift of Sir *Robert de Nerford*, to this abbey.

Thomas Crakyshield, succeeded *Fellbrigg*.

1439, *John Stanhow*.

In 1465, *William Ramme*, alias *Wissingset*, abbot.

John Church, abbot.

1473, *John Debenham*.

1475, *John Ewysh*, or *Elwysh*; he was also rector of *Brakenash*.

1491, *Robert Walsingham*.

In 1503, *Giles*, occurs abbot.[9]

In 1428 their temporalities in North *Creak* were valued at 11*l*. 7*s*. 1*d*. *per ann*. their temporalities in South *Creak* were valued at 3*l*. 5*s*. 5*d*. *ob*. *per ann*. and the whole of their temporalities at 38*l*. 6*s*. *per ann*. and their spiritualities in *Norfolk*, at 31*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*.

In the 2d. year of *Edward* IV. *John* occurs abbot, as appears from his lease of the appropriated rectory of *Hapton*, given them by Sir *Robert de Nerford*.

It appears by the will of Sir *William Calthorp* of *Burnham Thorp*, dated *May* 31, in the 10th of *Henry* VII. that many of his ancestors were here buried, in a chapel;[1] and he appoints that all the goods of Dame *Sybill Boys* should be employed towards making the quire, the presbytery, and repairing this abbey, and gives 74*l*. for that purpose.

Giles, abbot in 1503, mentioned then in the will of *Walter Aslake* of *Creak* abbey, wherein he gives to this convent all those lands that he purchased of Sir *Roger Strange*, Knt. lying in the fields of *Holme* and *Ringsted*, so that they can get the lands in mortmain in three years, else to be sold, and the money to the profits of the said abbey, provided that the abbot and convent, and their successours, shall kepe his *obit* perpetually; giving to every chanon there 5*s*. *per ann*. and on the *obit* 4*d*. and provided that they shall seal a general release of 7*s*. yerely rent, to his attourneys or heirs, that shall have his manor of *Bardolf*, in *Ryngsted*, after his decease; *Item*. To the said abbey, a complete vestment of white damask; *Item*, I will, that the north, side of the queer in the said abbey be made with tymber, workmanship, and nayles of my goods, and mete, and drink, sand and lime, at the cost of the abbot and convent.

In the 22d of Henry VII. a patent was granted to the Lady *Margaret*, Countess of *Richmond*, mother to that King, with license for her to give to *Christ's* college, *Cambridge*, this abbey, with all its lands; it being looked upon as dissolved, because the abbot died without a convent to elect another, whereupon all the lands and revenues became thus settled on *Christ's College*, by the Lady *Margaret*, the foundress, who are still in possession of the same.

[9] Giles Sherington, in 1503, abbot. William, occurs abbot, A°. 31st of Hen. VIII. as by a fine.

[1] Regist. Poppy Norw.

In 1391, Sir *Philip Denys*, Knt. gave his body to be buried here, in the chapel of St. *Catherine*, the chapel of St. *Nicholas*, also mentioned, and St. *John* Baptist's image.[2]

The abbot and canons were of the order of St. *Augustin*. On the foundation of the hospital several orders were made for the government of it *viz.* that the brethren to be admitted, should at their entrance promise chastity, and obedience to the master; that none should have any property to himself; that a light should burn day and night in the church.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. the fair on St. *Nicholas'* day was changed, and was to be held on St. *Michael's* day.

The abbot paid 12*d. per ann.* lete fee to the lord of the hundred.

Mr. *Samuel Buck* has given a west view of this priory, among other prints, published by him in 1738.

William de Geyst, 1st prior, ---- 1228, *Robert* was prior. In 1237, *Augerus*. 1262, *Godfrid.* ———— 1334, *Thomas* died prior, and was succeeded by *John Harple*. 1352, *Richard Dikkins*. 1353, *Thomas Retham*. 1357, *Thomas Brandon*, &c. as above.

SOUTH CREAK.

PART of this town was a beruwite in the reign of the Confessor, to *Herold's* lordship of *Fakenham* after the battle of the *Hastings*, wherein he (being King of *England*) was slain, the Conqueror took possession of it, consisting of two carucates of land, 10 villains, 11 bordarers, &c. 1 carucate in demean, and 3 amongst the men, and half an acre of meadow, &c. 80 sheep, and 4 socmen, with a carucate and 6 acres, and this was valued in the manor of *Fakenham*.[3]

BEAUFOE'S MANOR.

It remained in the Crown till King *Henry* I. granted it to *Ralph de Beaufoe*, to be held by the service of half a knight's fee; in the 5th of King *Stephen*, *Ralph de Beaufoe* had a pardon for 10s. *Dane's* gelt, and in the said year, *Agnes de Beaufoe* accounted for 35 *marks* of silver, her son being then with the Earl of *Flanders;* and in the first of King *John*, *Gilbert de Norfolk* had a patent (for 100 *marks* and a palfrey given to the King) to enjoy the inheritance of *Emme de Bellofago*, or *Beaufoe*, his wife, niece of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, and in the 7th of that King, she had a charter for her own inheritance here, &c. and

[2] Regist. Harsyke. Norw. fol. 158.

[3] Galhou Hd. Ter. Regis, Fachenham ten. Herold. huic maner. pertinet. i. beruita de ii. car. tre. in Kreic. sep. x. vill. tnc. xi. bor. m°. iiii. sep. in dnio. i. car. tnc. hou. iii. car. m°. i. dim acr. pti. sep. i. r. et. xxx por. et. LXXX. ov. et. iiii. soc. de vi. ac. et i. car.

her dower of the estate which belonged to *Gilbert de Norfolk*, her husband, deceased, with a proviso that she should not marry without the King's license. About this time there appears to have been a contest between the said *Emme*, and *Ralph de Beaufoe*, a descendant of the aforesaid *Ralph*, who in the 1st of King *John* gave a *mark* to have an assise of *D'Ancestor*, for half a knight's fee in this town and *Burnham*, against *Gilbert de Norfolk* and *Emme* his wife, and was probably son of *Thomas de Beaufoe*, who confirmed the grant of his brother *Ralph*, of the church of South *Creak*, to *Castleacre* priory, in the 27th of *Henry* II. This *Thomas* came to the estate of *Ralph* his brother, in the 28th of the said King, and paid then a fine of 100 *marks*.

In the 10th of King *John*, *Emme* conveyed by fine to *Hubert de Burgh* Earl of *Kent*, this manor, with that of *Ludham*, in *Nottinghamshire*, granted him in reversion after her death; the said *Emme* had also the lordship of *Flitcham* in *Norfolk*;[4] and gave lands in *Nottinghamshire* to *Thurgarton* priory; but in the 17th of *Henry* III. it appears to be in the family of *de Beaufoe*, *Ralph de Beaufoe* then having 12*s*. *per ann.* settled by fine, payable for certain services and customs, for 96 acres of land here, and in *Burnham*, held by *John* son of *Richard*.

Ralph de Beaufoe claimed, as lord, a mercate here, on *Friday*, and tolls, in the 3d of *Edward* I. and the lete of South *Creak* and *Holgate*, paid to *Gallow* hundred, was 5*s*. 6*d*. *per ann.*

John Beaufoe died seized of this lordship, in the 10th of *Edward* III. and in the 20th of that King, *Alice Beaufoe* was found to hold half a fee in *capite* of the King, and paid 20*s*. on the knighting of the King's son, a whole fee being charged at 40*s*. *William Beaufoe*, son of *John*, died lord in the 23d of the said reign, and *John* was found his son and heir, aged 15: and in the 50th of *Edward* III. *John Beaufoe* died seized, and *Thomas* was found his son and heir, aged 5 years; Sir *William de Burgh* held it in his nonage, and it was extended at 106*s*. 8*d*. *per ann.* In the 3d of Henry VI. Sir *John Beaufoe* died possessed of it, and Sir *William* his brother was his heir.

The Lady *Eleanor Townsend* died seized of it, as appears by the eschaet-rolls, in the 17th of *Henry* VII.

In the 36th of *Henry* VIII. *John Basset* conveyed it to *Roger Townsend*, and Sir *Roger Townsend*, Bart. died lord of it in 1636, in which family it remains; the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend* died lord, and his son, *George* Lord Viscount, now enjoys it.

Hugh de Montfort had a lordship in this town, given to him by the Conqueror, on the deprivation of *Bond*, the *Saxon* lord, who had 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, 6 bordarers, and 4 servi, with 3 carucates amongst the tenants, or men, and 2 in demean, &c. valued then at 60*s*. at the survey at 4*l*. and was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 4*s*. gelt.[5]

[4] See in Flitcham.

[5] Galgou Hd.—Tra. Hugon. de Monteforti.—Suthecreich ten. Hugo. qm. ten. Bund. ii. car. tre. sep. iiii. vill. et vi. bor. tc. iiii. ser. m°. ii. sep. in dnio. ii. car. tc. houm. iii. car. m°. ii. i. ibi possunt ee. tc. iiii. r. tc. xx. por. m°. vii. tc. cc ov. m°. LXXX. tc. val. LX. sol. m°. iiii. lib. hab. i. leug. in long. et al. in lat. et redd. in gelt. iiii. sol.

CREAK ABBEY MANOR.

The family of *de Bodham* was early enfeoffed of this lordship. *Ralph de Bodham* and *Nicholas* his brother released by deed *sans date*, all their right in the presentation of this church; Sir *Ralph de Bodham* was lord in the reign of *Henry* III. and in the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury present, that the said knight had 2 fees here, and paid 10*s. per annum* into the Exechequer, and 20*s. per annum* to *Dover* castle ward, and that he gave it to the abbey of *Creak*, then in possession of it. On the dissolving of *Creak* abbey, it was granted by King *Henry* VII. to his mother, the Lady *Margaret*, Countess of *Richmond*, who granted it to *Christ's* college in *Cambridge*, where it still remains, as in *Creak* abbey.

The lete fee of this priory to the lord of the hundred was 12*d.*

ROSE'S MANOR.

The Earl *Warren's* lordships in *North Creak* and *Burnham Thorp* extended into this town; *Baldwin de Rosey*, or *de Roseto*, who held considerable lands of the Earl *Warren*, confirmed by deed *sans date*, all the benefactions of his ancestors, with a mill in *Creak*, to the priory of *Castleacre*; and *Roger de Rosey*, in the reign of *Henry* III. possessed the 20th part of a fee, of the Earl *Warren*;[6] and in the said reign *John de Cocfeld* and *William Athelwald*, held a quarter of a fee of *Walter de Calthorp*, and he of the aforesaid Earl.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. it appears by an assise, that *Richard*, son of *Robert Adelwald*, had unjustly disseized *Robert*, son of *Richard Adelward*, of a free tenement, in *Suthcrek* and *Waterden*, with 2 messuages, 70 acres of land, a wind-mill, and 15*s. per annum* rent, &c.; and in the 29th of that King, *Robert* seems to convey it to *Richard*, with lands in *Sidestern* and *Burnham*; *James Athelwald* held, in the 20th of *Edward* III. a quarter of a fee, and paid 10*s.* scutage, formerly *John de Cockfeld's*, and *William Athelwald's*. *Thomas Athelwald* of *Weston*, passed by fine to *James*, son of *Edmund Athelwald* of *South Creak*, and *Joan* his wife, two messuages, a toft, and 80 acres of land, and to the heirs of *James*; in the 3d of *Edward* III. and in the 7th of *Henry* V. *Richard Athelwald* of this town was lord, who married *Maud*, cousin and heir of *Beatrix Molebisse*, and *Mary de Bassing*, foundresses of *Spiney* priory in *Cambridgeshire*.

On the 3d of *April*, in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. *Edward Calthorp* of *Kirby-Cane* in *Norfolk*, Esq. and *Thomasine* his wife, sold the manor of *Roses* in this town, *Holkham*, &c. which Mrs. *Elizabeth Calthorp*, widow of *William Calthorp*, Esq. held for life, with the reversion of all the lands held by her, to *John Pepys* of *South Creak*, merchant; she was daughter of *Ralph Berney* of *Redham*. *Thomas Pepys* his son, by his will dated *October* 1, 1569, desires to be buried in this church; bequeaths to *John* and *Roger* his sons, to *Susan*, *Eliabeth*, *Anne*, and *Barbara* his daughters 40*l.* each, to be paid by *Farmer Pepys*, his son and heir, and executor. This *Thomas* sold this

[6] Regist. Castlearce. - Testa de Nevil.

manor, *July* 20th, in the 8th of *Elizabeth*; but his son *Farmer* bought it by deed, dated *September* 30th, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, of *Edward Goulding*, and *Mirabel* his wife.

The PEDIGREE of PEPYS.

William Pepys, Gent. of Cotenham in Cambridgehire, temp. Hen. VII. — Margaret, daughter of Robert Whiston of Cambridge.

John Pepys, Gent. 2d son, lord of Rose's in South Creak, 26 Hen. VIII. — Cecily, daughter and heir of John Style, or John Steel, of Wyverton, by Cley, Norfolk.

Thomas Pepys, Gent. died 1569 — Alice, daughter of Gyles Sefoule of Waterden, Esq.

Farmour Pepys, Gent. — Francis, daughter of John Drury, Esq. of Godwick in Norfolk, and Rougham in Suffolk, died 1585.

1, Thomas Pepys of South Creak, died S. P. in Ireland, in 1623. — Jane, daughter of Sir John Dowale of Ireland

2, John Pepys — Anne daughter of Terry Walpole of Houghton, Esq.

—Edmund Pepys — Catherine, daughter of — Warner, relict of — Goldsmith-

Edward Pepys, Esq. died S. P. — Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of John Walpole of Bransthorp, Norfolk, Esq. died 1668.

Jane, — John Turner of Yorkshire, serjeant, at law.

Theophila, daughter and heir, died S. P. — Sir Arthur Harris of Stofford, Devonshire, Bart.

CASTLEACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

In the 3d of *Richard* I. *William*, son of *Matthew de Candos*, gave 17*s*. rent in *Creic*; *Philip de Candos* gave *Ringulfwith* his tenure, *Uschetill* with his tenure, *Bond* the priest, and *Letstane* his companion,[7] with their tenures, in this town, with several others here.—Witnesses, *William* his son, who consented to the grant, and laid the deed on the altar of St. *Mary*, in the sight of many, *Ralph de Roseto*, *Ralph, de Crec*, &c.; and by another deed, wherein he styles himself *Philip de Crec*, he grants the same things for himself, and *Ralph de Roseto*, of whose fee it was, *Andrew*, son of *Walter de Suthcreke*, *Alice*, daughter of *Ulf de Creke*, and mother of *Robert*, son of *Andrew de Creke*, granted lands here.

Bartholomew de Creke gave the monks a villain; *Robert*, son of *Hyrdman* of *Cree*, gave several pieces of land here to the convent.—Witnesses, Sir *Hugh Bastard*, *Hosebert de Cailli*, *Yvan*, son of *Athelwold*, and *William* his son.

Wiltiam, son of *Philip de Bodham*, gave a villian, with a croft, to hold freely, saving the King's service, and paying to the ward of *Dover* castle 9*d. q.*

Baldwin de Rosei a mill and land here; *Osmund de Candos* 5*s*. rent, &c.

At the Dissolution, *Thomas*, prior of *Castleacre*, and the convent, in *Michaelmas* termi n the 29th of *Henry* VIII. convey it to *Thomas*

Regist. Castleacre fol. 42, 43.

Duke of *Norfolk*, with the appropriated rectory, and the patronage of the vicarage, of this church; *Ao.* 15th of *Elizabeth*, license was granted to *Francis Pepys* to alien it to *Richard Percy* and *Edmund Russel;* and *September* 1, in 22d of *James* I. *Robert Drury* aliened it to *Edward Fotherby.*

By an inquisition taken *October* 23, in the 14th of *Charles* I. *Henry Beke*, Gent. was found to die *August* 21, 1638, possessed of this manor and impropriation, held of the lordship of *Beaufoes* in soccage.

The church was a rectory, valued in 1428 at 85 marks; *Ralph*, son of *Ralph de Beaufo*, gave it with all its tithes, lands, and homages, to *Castleacre* priory, for the soul's health of King *Henry* I. who brought him up, and that of his lord, King *Henry* II. his grandson, with the meadow at *Barsham*, and his wood at *Stibberd.* Witnesses, *John*, prior of *Sporle*, *Henry*, the dean of *Fakenham*, &c. *Thomas de Beaufo* confirmed, 29th *Henry* II. all his right therein for the souls of the said Kings, and his father *Ralf*:—witnesses, *William de Bodham*, *Robert de Cherevill*, &c. and *Ralph de Beaufo*, son of *Thomas*, confirmed the grant of *Ralf* his grandfather and *Thomas* his father, with all obventions:—witnesses, *Simon de Pateshill*, *Henry*, archdeacon of *Sleaford*, *James de Poterna*, *Richard de Muchegross*, *Ralf de Stokes*, *Richard be Gosefeld*, &c. they were itinerant justices in the reign of King *Henry* III. in *Norfolk. Gilbert de Beaufo* (reciting, that whereas there had been a controversy between him and the monks of *Castleacre*, about the said church) resigned all his right by the Bishop's advice, and sealed them a deed thereof:—witnesses, *Roger*, the archdeacon, *Reginald de Warren*, *Ralph de Roseto:* and, by another deed, he gave them two parts of the tithes of the demean of his brother. It seems that *Alexander*, prior of *Scheldford* (in *Nottinghamshire*, as I take it) had some grant formerly from this family of the patronage of this church, and had the Pope's bull directed to the abbots of *Leicester*, of *Geronden*, with the official of the archdeacon of *Leicester*, as delegates or judges, who finding the invalidity of their title, released by deed, *sans* date, to the convent of *Castleacre*, all their right therein.—The abbot and convent of *Creke* quit-claimed all their right in the advowson, *Ao.* 17th *Edward* II.

The Church is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and was valued with the vicarage at 85 marks.

The vicarage is valued at 22*l.* formerly at 28 marks.

In the chancel is a mural monument:

In memory of Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Gawsell, Kt. wife of John Shene, clerk, who died 1653.

On a gravestone, with a brass plate, in the nave:

Hic jacet Johs. Felbrigg, Clericus, nuper pyebendarius de Wherwell, et persona ecclie. de Colteshale, q. obt. 1417.——

On another,

Orat. p. aiab; Johs. Norton et Christiane consortis sue, obiit 1509.

In the church formerly; p. pale, *azure* and *gules*, a lion rampant, *ermin*; *Norwich.*

Thomas Denys wills, *March* 28th, 1457, to be buried in the church.

The temporalities of *Coxford* priory in 1428, valued at 12*d. per annum.*

The priory of *Hempton* had 7 acres, which in the 43d of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. of *East-Barsham*, &c. demised to *Richard Norton*, Gent. of *South Creke.*

RECTORS, &c.

Mr. *Arnold de Lupo* was rector in 14th of *Edward* I. and had a manse, with one carucate of land; presented by the King; the prior of *Castleacre* had it appropriated, but the King recovered it, and presented *Arnold.*

Mr. *Gilbert de Midleton*, rector.

1312, *John de London*, rector, presented by the prior and convent of *Castleacre;* he was prebendary of *Edyngton* in the church of *Salisbury.*

1326, *Robert Godwyn*, vicar, presented by the prior; in the 14th of *Edward* I. the vicarage was void by the cession or removal of *Hervey* the late vicar, but it was appropriated again; the vicar had no manse or land.

1349, *Edmund Clerk*, vicar. *Ditto.*
1349, *John Atte Grene. Ditto.*
1354, *John Cordwaner. Ditto.*
1366, *Richard Pycot*, vicar. *Ditto.*
1383, *John Forester. Ditto.*
1404, *William Balle. Ditto.*
1404, *John Goleth. Ditto.*
1444, *John Newgate. Ditto.*
1444, *John Synnow. Ditto.*
1447, *William Crane. Ditto.*
1509, *Thomas Style.*
1529, Mr. *Richard Bayly*, in Decret. B. by the assigns of the prior, &c.
1540, *Thomas Leman. Ditto.*
1554, *Thomas Markham*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*
1557, *Richard Walker*, by *Thomas Pepys*, Gent.
1581, *John Hart*, by *Fermer Pepys.*
1583, *John Hart*, by the Queen, a lapse.
1591, *John Lindsey*, by *Roger Pepys*, Gent.
1617, *Thomas Lynge*, by *Richard Norton* and *Fermer Pepys.*
Thomas Howlet
1668, *Edmund Turner*, by *Thomas Dyke* and *Elizabeth* his wife, *John Turner* and *Jane* his wife.
1669, *John Cleaver. Ditto.*
1710, *Thomas Donne*, by *Robert Donne.*
1739, *James Goodall*, by Lord *Townsend*, patron.

King *Henry* I. before the death of Bishop *Herbert*, confirmed the church of *South Creak* to the priory of *Castleacre. John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to *Castleacre* priory all the tithes of corn, the farms and houses, and all other things, excepting the offerings of the altar, and small tithe, which were the vicar's; and *William Turbe,*

bishop before him, had appropriated it. The vicar had a patent for a messuage in 24th *Edward* III.

Here were the gilds of the Resurrection, the Holy Cross, St. *Ann*, and the Holy Trinity.

DUNTON AND DOKETON.

DUNTON, so called, as seated on a hill, was a beruite to the King's manor of *Fakenham*, at the survey, belonging to *Herold* in the Confessor's time, and when he was King of *England*. It then contained one carucate of land, six bordarers, &c. two servi, one carucate in demean, and one amongst the men; four acres of meadow, a mill, &c. Sixteen socmen had one carucate, and five bordarers, and there were then eight carucates, at the survey but one. This was valued under *Fakenham*, and was one leuca long, half a one broad, and paid 13*d*. gelt.[8] In this account, *Doketon*, or *Docton*, is included as an hamlet, or part of the manor of *Dunton*, and so not mentioned in the survey, or *Doomesday* Book.

King *Henry* II. is said to have given this town, with *Doketon* and *Ketleston*, to *Ralph de Hauvile*, to be held by *petit serjeanty*, the keeping of the King's hawks or falcons; and in another record, it is said by keeping of two ger-falcons for the King. This *Ralph* was a knight, and had a son Sir *Ralph*, who wrote himself sometimes *De Hauville*, and sometimes *De Dunton*, according to the practice and custom of that age; and by his deed *sans date*, granted to *Roger*, son of *Gilbert de Dunton*, lands here, to which *Hugh de Pinkeny* was witness, &c. His seal was of green wax:—party *per* pale; in chief, a label of 4 points, and was the founder of the priory of *Mirmounde* in *Upwell*, in the isle of *Ely*, to which he gave the churches of *Dunton cum Doketon*, and *Kettleston*, with lands in *Lincolnshire*, which grant was confirmed by King *John*, *May* 9th, in his fifth year. Of this family were *Henry* and *Hugh de Hauville*; and King *John*, in his 6th year, ordered the bailiffs of several ports to secure all the hawks and ger-falcons which should be brought beyond sea, till the said *Henry* and *Hugh* should chose what they thought fit for the King's use; and no one was allowed to buy any till this was done. About the same time lived *Walter de Hauville*, who held 60*s*. rent in land, at *Hallingbury*, in *Essex*, by serjeanty, and keeping the King's falcons.

In the 3d of King *John*, Sir *Ralph* had 10*l*. *per ann.* towards keep-

[8] H. de Brodercross.—Tre. Regis,—In Dontuna i. beruita de i. car. tre, tc. vi. bor. mo. iiii. tc. ii. ser. sep. in dnio. i. car. tnc. houm. i. car. mo dim. iiii. ac. pti. i. mol. sep. i. r. et LX. oves. et xvi. soc. de i. car. tre. sep. v. bor. tnc. viii. car. p. 7. iii. mo. i. apptiata, e cu. Eachenha. et ht. i. leuc. in long. et dim. in lat. et xiii. d. in gelt.

ing the King's hawks; and in the 2d of *Henry* IIId. *Henry de Hauvile* was lord, son of Sir *Ralph;* in which year *Ralph de Jernemue (Yarmouth)* conveyed to him by fine all his right in the lastage of *Norfolk, Suffolk,* and *Lincoln;* and in the following year, *Gilbert* and *Ralph de Hauvile* had a mandate to bring the King's ger-falcons in their custody safe to court, signed by *Hubert de Burgo,* the chief justice; and in the said year a fine was levied between *John de Dereham,* and *Hawise* his wife, late widow of *Philip de Hauvile,* and *Ralph de Hauvile,* of her dower here, &c. when *Ralph* assigned them lands in *Bildeston,* in *Suffolk,* for life, who released lands here to *Ralph;* and the said King, in his 5th year, directed his precept to the bailiffs of *Dunwich,* to deliver to *Ralph,* son of *Henry de Hauvill,* and *Margaret* his wife, all the lands and houses in that town which were *Richard de Dunwich's,* son of *Robert,* deceased, whose daughter and heir she was.

Hugh de Dunton impleaded, in the 34th of that King, *Henry de Hauvile* for taking his swans from his pool in *Doketon,* and carrying them to *Dunton*; and it was adjudged that he should make satisfaction, and permit *Hugh* to have the fishery in the water of *Doketon,* from *Hugo's* mill to the mill of *Henry; Reiner de Dunton* was found to be grandfather of *Hugh,* bailiff of *Henry,* and *Ralph* was father of *Hugh.* This *Henry* was found, in the 37th of the said King, to die seized of this lordship, that of *Hacombly* in *Lincolnshire, Linford Parva* in *Bucks,* and that *Henry* his grandson was his heir, aged one year, son of *Ralph:* it appears that this *Henry* had two wives; by his first wife, *Ellen,* he had *Ralph* his son (father of *Henry,* a minor) also *Thomas* and *Henry*; and by his 2d wife a son, aged 7 years; to his son *Thomas* he gave the lordships of *Rainham,* and this town, who died seized of it in the 51st of the said King, and in the said year, Mr. *William de Clifford,* eschaetor, accounted for 15*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* of the issues of this lordship with *Doketon,* &c.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Thomas de Havyle* was found to have the lete, and paid 20*l.* relief to the King;[9] and in the 30th of that King, he is said to have a capital messuage in *Dunton,* 378 acres of land, 6 of meadow, a fishery, with a watermill, &c.; and in the 8th of *Edward* II. Sir *Thomas Hauville* enfeoft *Thomas* his son in this lordship, and that of *Rainham,* valued at 20*l.* paying 18*s. per ann.* and keeping the King's ger-falcons at the King's cost.

Sir *Thomas de Havile,* Knt. by his deed dated in the 4th of *Edward* III. sold lands in *Kettleston* to *John Temper,* Gentleman, and *Cecily* his wife. I mention this, it being (as far as I remember) the first time that I have seen the addition of Gentleman in any deed.

After this it was possessed by *James de Hauvile,* son of *Henry,* in the 11th of *Edward* III. in which year he married *Ann,* daughter of Sir *William,* or *James de Wace,* and was then conveyed to *James* by Sir *Robert Tiffour,* and *Maud* his wife, late wife of Sir *Thomas Havile;* and in the 30th of that King, Sir James was with the King in *Gascoine,* and had letters of protection, and about this time is said to have sold this lordship to Sir *Robert Tyffour,* who aliened it to *John de Wesenham,* who conveyed it to *Adam* Chaunger, citizen of *London,* and he aliened it to Sir *Robert Knollys,* and *Constance* his wife.

[9] Sir *Thomas,* by his seal to a deed in the 11th of this reign, bore, a fess, dauncy, between 3 falcons; in allusion to his office of being falconer to the King.

Sir *Robert* had a grant of free warren in the 2d of *Richard* II. and on *June* 15th, in the 10th of that King, he enfeoft *Robert Braybrook* Bishop of *London*, Sir *John Cobham*, Knt. *John Drew*, clerk, and *John Seymour* of *London*, of this and several other lordships, for settling it on his hospital at *Pontefract* in *Yorkshire*, as was accordingly performed, and the master of the said hospital, &c. presented as lord to the vicarage of *Dunton cum Doketon*.

On the dissolution of the said hospital, it was granted, *May* 17th, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. to Sir *William Farmor*, and Sir *Richard Fulmerston*, Knts. with the advowson of the vicarage and the impropriated rectory; and the said Sir *William* died seized of it in 1558. *Thomas Farmor* of *East Barsham*, Esq. had livery of it, in or about the said year, and on *September* 8th, in the 37th of *Elizabeth*, sold the same to *Edward Coke*, Esq. the Queen's attorney-general; and his immediate heir, the Right Honourable *Thomas Coke* Earl of *Leicester* died lord of *Dunton cum Doketon*.

The tenths were 4*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*—Deduct 12*s.*

In the chancel, a marble grave-stone:

In memory of Matthew Lancaster, of Dunton, Gent. eldest son and heir of Matthew Lancaster, descended from John Lancaster, the first of that race in England, and first founder of Lancaster, from whom issued 50, *or more, Knights, Esqrs.; and Gentlemen of Quality, some dignified by their honourable marriages into noble families, the rest, or most of them, in their several marriages, equalizing, if not exceeding their own rank and pedigree, died*————1658.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the prior of *Meremounde* had the rectory of this church, being appropriated to it; it had a manse, and 30 acres of land, and to the rectory of *Doketon* there belonged a manse, with half an acre, and the vicarage at 5 *marks*. *Peter*-pence 13*d. ob.*

Thomas de Havyle was then patron of the rectory of *Doketon*, or *Doughton*; the rector had a manse with half an acre of land, but was not valued. *Peter*-pence 4*d.* The present valor of both is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

RECTORS.

1305, *Roger de Lekys* was presented to the church of *Doketon*, with the vicarage of *Dunton* annexed, presented by Sir *Thomas de Hawvile*, Knt.

1325, *John Gerard*, to the vicarage of *Dunton*, with the chapel of *Doketon* annexed. *Ditto.*[1]

1349, *Thomas Harvey*, by Sir *Robert Twyford.*

1349, *Ralph Bate*, by *ditto.*

1349, *Hugh Person. Ditto.*

1366, *Henry Coupere*, by *Adam Pyk*, rector of *Grymston.*

1387, *John de Cavenham*, by the prior and convent of *Mermaund.*

1388, *Simon Bodcar*, by *Robert*, Bishop of *London*, &c.

Robert Perlington.

1414, *John Carter*, by the master and fellows of the college of Holy Trinity of *Pomfret.*

[1] In the 7th and 18th of Edward III. churches, as appears by a fine. John Gerard, or de Gatele, held these

1416, *John Skot. Ditto.*
1422, *Robert Helt. Ditto.*
1425, *John Arnold. Ditto.*
1448, *John Kyde. Ditto.*
William Kelyng.
1460, *John Hugonys,* by the prior and convent of *Mermound.*
1473, *Robert Fetyll,* by the Bishop, a lapse
1492, *Henry Mey. Ditto.*
1500, *Robert Wadelof,* by *Pomfret* college.
1531, *Thomas Kendal. Ditto.*
1555, *John Crane,* by Sir *William Fayremore,* Knt.
1560, *Thomas Lemon,* by *Catherine Fermour,* widow.
1577, *Vinc. Man,* by *Thomas Fermour,* Esq.
1581, *Henry Shales,* by the Queen.
1584, *Robert Ward,* by *Thomas Farmor,* Esq.
1590, *William Wilson,* by *Farmor's* assigns.
1599, *Michael Harridance,* (in 1603, he returned 70 communicants,) by *Edward Coke,* the Queen's attorney, &c.
1604, *Edward Hamond. Ditto.*
1626, *Edward Peartree,* by Sir *Edward Coke.*
James Watts, by *John Coke,* Esq.; he occurs 1662.
William Allcock.
1686, *William Scarlet,* by *William Guavus,* Esq.
1701, *William Brown,* by the King, a lapse.
1736, *Christopher Selby,* by *Thomas Lord Lovell.*

It appears from a curious record,[a] that *Thomas de Havile,* son of Sir *Thomas,* son of Sir *Ralf de Dunton,* or *Havile,* was lord of *Dunton* and *Doketon,* and patron of both these churches, and that Sir *Henry* his son, as lord, presented *Henry de Taterset* to the vicarage of *Dunton,* with the chapel (as then called) of *Dokton* annexed to it; and in the time of this lord, *Henry,* both these churches were endowed and separated, and the right of presentation granted to the said *Henry;* the pension that the prior of *Miremound* had of 10 *marks per ann.* in them, being excepted in this: his grandfather, Sir *James de Havele,* son of *Henry,* was lord and patron, who conveyed his right in the same to Sir *Robert de Tyfford,* who presented to the vicarage of *Dunton,* with the chapel of *Dokton* annexed. *Tyfford* aliened his right to *John de Wesenham,* as *John* did to *Adam Chaunger,* citizen of *London,* and *Adam,* to Sir *Robert Knolls* and *Constance* his wife. The said Sir *Robert* settled it on his trustees, *Robert Braybrook* Bishop of *London,* &c. on his founding the hospital at *Pontfract* in *Yorkshire.* About this time the prior of *Miremound,* pretending the right of presentation to be in him, presented *John de Cavenham,* but the prior's right being set aside, *Simon de Bodcar* was presented by Bishop *Braybrook,* &c. and instituted to the said churches, by *Henry Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich;* and by an inquisition taken *May* 19th, 1411, it was found that the right of patronage was in the master and fellows of the college, or, &c. of the Holy Trinity of *Pontfract, Knolles* hospital or college; and that the vicarage of *Dunton cum Doketon* was valued at 5 *marks per ann.*

[a] MSS. Sce. Trinit. de Pontfraet in Coll. Reginal. Oxon.

FULMODESTON

Was the lordship of *William* Earl *Warren*, and held of him by *Walter; Toke*, a great *Saxon* thane, held it in the reign of the Confessor, who was dispossessed at the conquest. It contained 2 carucates of land, 29 bordarers, and 2 servi, there were 2 carucates in demean, and 4 amongst the men, &c. 16 acres of meadow, a mill, 1 runcus, or beast for carriage, with 5 cows, 180 sheep, 40 goats, 1 beesskep, and a church not endowed with any land, valued before the conquest at 40*s.* and at the survey at 60*s.*; the whole was 4 furlongs long and broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[3]

The family of the *Grancourts* were early enfeoft of this manor: *Walter*, son of *William de Grancourt*, was lord in 11th year of King *John*, when he gave to the King a good hawk, to be exempted from being put on any assise, except between barons,[4] this *Walter* was probably desended from that *Walter* who held it at the survey; and in the 14th of that King, *William de Bellomonte* gave to the King 60 *marks*, to have the custody of *Walter de Grancourt*, who was indicted for killing a man, but was *rectus in curia*, in the 3d of *Henry* III. when he gave a *mark* to have a pone against *William de Burnham*, and held in this town, *Crokeston*, and *Clipstan*, one fee and 3 quarters, of the Earl *Warren*; and in the following year he granted to *Robert*, the prior of *Castleacre*, &c. by fine, the advowson of this church, or rather confirmed it, being granted before by *Hugh de Grancourt*, his ancestor.

William de Grancourt was lord in the 45th of *Henry* III. and in the 52d of that king, was a witness to several writs, (being then, as I take it, chief baron of the Exchequer,) dated *November* 21, directed to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, and several other sheriffs, reciting, that whereas the King had great occasion for money, by reason of his foreign and domestic affairs, that as he would avoid corporal punishment, loss of his goods, and the King's anger, he should speedily pay 400 *marks* of the money, due on the summons of the last *iter* of the justices, in that county, otherwise he should know that the King would chastise his neglect in such a manner, that his punishment should teach others how to perform the King's commands.

In the 31st of *Edward* I. *Edmund de Munpinson* was querent in a fine, and *Thomas de Grancurt* deforciant, of the 3d part of this manor, granted to *Edmund* with 6*l. per ann.* rent, and in the next year *Thomas de Grancurt*, and *Agnes* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Walter*

[3] Tre. Willi de Warenna, Hundret. de Galhou.—In Fulmotestuna tenet t. r. e. Toka, p. man. ii. car. tre. semp. XXIX. bord. tc. ii. ser. semp. in dnio. ii. car. et hom. iiii. car. silva ad XXX. porcos. xvi. ac. pti. tc. i. molin. semp. i. runc. et v. an. et XXXiii. porc. Qu. recep. CLXXX. ovs. m°. null. tc. XL. cap. m°. null. m°. i. vas apu. i. ecclia. fine terra. Galter. ten. tc. val XL. sol. m°. LX. sol. et tota ht. iiii. quar in longo et in lato, et reddit xiid. de gelto.

[4] Rot. Pip.

de Langton Bishop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, 23 messuages, a mill, 5 carucates of land, 40 acres of meadow, 200 of pasture, 8 of wood, with 6*s.* rent in this town, *Crokeston*, *Clypston*, *Kettleston*, *Woodnorton*, *Geyst*, and *Stybberd*, with two parts of the manor of *Fulmodeston*, and the advowson of the church of *Kettleston*, except 6*l. per ann.* rent here, all granted to the Bishop, who gave to *Thomas* and *Agnes*, the lordships of *Aspal* and *Debenham* in *Suffolk;* and in the 35th of the said King, *Giles de Monpinzun* and *Christiana* his wife, conveyed to the said Bishop the 3d part of this manor by fine, with the 6*l. per ann.* rent.

In the 8th of *Edward* II. *Humphrey de Bohun* Earl of *Essex* and *Hereford*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, were querents, and *John* parson of of *Snoring Parva* deforciant, of 21 messuages, 5 carucates of land, and 2 parts of this manor, settled on *Humphrey* and *Elizabeth;* and *Walter de Langton* Bishop of *Coventry*, &c. conveyed to the said Earl, in the 12th of the aforesaid King, 18 messuages, 2 carucates of land, with 10*l.* rent in this town, *Clipston*, *Croxton*, and *Kettleston*, with the third part of this manor; the Earl settling an annual rent of 30*l.* on the Bishop, for life. And *Humphrey de Bohun* Earl of *Hereford*, &c. in the 46th of *Edward* III. dying possessed of it, left 2 daughters and coheirs, *Eleanor*, afterwards wife to *Thomas* of *Woodstoke* Duke of *Gloucester*, 6th son to King *Edward* III. and *Mary*, wife afterwards to *Henry* Earl of *Derby*, who was King of *England* by the name of *Henry* IV. which *Thomas* Duke of *Gloucester* died lord in the 21st of *Richard* II. when it should have descended to *Edmund Stafford* Earl of *Stafford*, who married *Anne*,[5] one of the 2 daughters, and at length sole heir to the said Duke; but *Henry* Earl of *Derby*, &c. possessed it in right of *Mary*, his wife, and King *Henry* V. and VI. were also lords; it remained in the Crown till King *Richard* III. in his first year, granted it to *Henry Stafford* Duke of *Bucks*, on *July* 13th, who being soon after beheaded, (as a rebel against the said King,) at *Salisbury*, it was again in the Crown.

On the 7th of *March*, in the 1st of King *James* I. Sir *Edward Coke* had a grant to farm it at 37*l. per ann.* and the manor has been some time in that family, the Earl of *Leicester* being the late lord.

The tenths were 4*l.* deduct 40*s.*—This town and *Croxton* paid to the lord of the hundred, lete fee 2*s.*

The CHURCH of *Fulmodeston* is dedicated to St. *Mary*. In the reign of *Edward* I. the prior of *Castleacre* had the patronage; the rector had a manse in the village of *Croxton*, (which belonged to this parish,) with 20 acres of land, but the rector was subject to an annual payment of 13 *marks*, to that priory; the rectory, with the chapel of *Crokstone*, was valued at 15 *marks*, the prior of *Castleacre* had also a portion of tithe of 20*s.* *Peter*-pence 2*s.*

Hugh de Grancourt gave the patronage to *Castleacre* priory, and *Henry* I. confirmed it before the death of Bishop *Herbert*.

[5] It appears that Edmund Earl of Stafford held it in right of Anne his wife, and Sir William Bourchier, (who afterwards married the said Anne) in the 5th of Henry IV. but soon after it was in the Crown, on a partition of the lands of Tho. of Woodstock.

RECTORS.

1176, *William de Crakeford*, rector, presented by the prior, &c. of *Castleacre*.

1190, *Jeff. de Derham*, archdeacon of *Suffolk*, and Bishop's chaplain, rector.

Mr. *John Pagrave*, rector.

1251, *Thomas Walcote*, rector, by the prior, &c.

1327, *William de Wath*, by the prior and convent of *Castleacre*; he was then chaplain to the Countess of *Warren*, and in her family.

1332, *John de Malmsbury*. *Ditto*.

1333, *Gilbert de Welton*. *Ditto*.

1338, *Robert Spirhard*, by *John* Earl *Warren*, as patron of *Castleacre* priory.

John Clere, in 1350, by the prior, &c.

1360, *John Prilleston*. *Ditto*.

1361, *John Goos*. *Ditto*.

John Cosyn.

1376, *Thomas Gery*. *Ditto*.

1388, *Richard Freman*. *Ditto*.

1400, *William Blake*. *Ditto*.

1400, *Thomas Bond*. *Ditto*.

Adam Osyn.

1422, *John Marse*. *Ditto*.

1422, *Richard Hendry*. *Ditto*.

1423, *Walter Wilmot*. *Ditto*.

1423, *William Goldington*. *Ditto*.

1423, *William Patrynston*. *Ditto*.

1434, *John Hert*. *Ditto*.

1436, *John Fuller*. *Ditto*.

1442, *Stephen Paly*. *Ditto*.

1457, *John Thompson*. *Ditto*.

1469, Mr. *Thomas Forest*. *Ditto*.

1481, *Henry Sharp*. *Ditto*.

1507, *John Wright*. *Ditto*.

1518, *Andrew Dey*. *Ditto*.

1533, *William Bird*. *Ditto*.

1554, *Richard Taylor*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

1559, *Roger Wilkins*, by *John Dannock*.

Richard Taylor.

1569, *Robert Crome*. *Ditto*.

1587, *Thomas Wilson*, by *William Clopton*, clerk.

1655, *Daniel Green*, by *Townshend Wilson*, clerk.

1700, *Barry Love*, by *John Wace*, clerk.

1705, *Robert Wace*. *Ditto*.

1740, *Fran. Alymer*, died rector in 1758, by *Bennet's* college, *Cambridge*.

1759, *John Bernardiston*, by *Bennet's* college, *Cambridge*, the present patrons.

In 1454, I find a legacy of 40*s*. to the building of the new tower.

Here were gilds of St. *Mary*, and St. *Erasmus*; and the lights of *All-Saints*, and St. *John Baptist*, in the chapel of *Croxton*.

The patronage is now in *Corpus Christi* Coll. *Cambridge.*

In the chancel are grave-stones for,

Nabbs, son of Riches Brown, Gent: and Mary his wife, (she was daughter of ——— *Nabbs, (who died,* 1707.—for, *Mary Browne, widow of John Browne, late of Saxthorp, who died* 1700, *aged* 51.

In the church a grave-stone,

In memory of John Brown, Gent: son of Riches Brown, Esq. of Fulmodeston, who died 1693. Arms, a fess, &c. between 3 spears heads.

Richard Berney, Gent: buried, June 17, 1599.——*Roger Salisbury, March* 22, 1606.

CROXTON.

In the reign of King *Edward,* this was a village held by *Toke,* who being ejected, it was granted at the Conquest to the Earl of *Warren;* it consisted of 1 carucate of land, and 4 freemen had a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, and was valued in *Fulmodeston;* here was also a church, but not endowed with any land; it was two furlongs long, and one broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[6]

It had always the same lords as *Fulmodeston; William de Grancurt* held it in the 3d of *Henry* III. and in that year, *William,* son of *Roger de Huntingfeld,* gave lands here to the priory of *Castleacre,* on his founding the monastery of *Mendham* in *Norfolk.*

It is now, and has been for many years, accounted as an hamlet to *Fulmodeston,* and the Earl of *Leicester* died lord.

Sir *Walter de Grancourt* signified to *Pandulf* Bishop of *Norwich,* in the reign of King *John,* by letters testimonial, that he had released to the monks of *Castleacre,* all his right in the church of *Crockston,* to be enjoyed by the parson of *Fulmodeston,* presentable by that convent.

On *May* 17, in the 3d year of *Edward* VI. Sir *William Fermer,* Knt. and Sir *Richard Fulmodeston,* had a grant of the advowson of *Fulmodeston* and *Croxton.*

The Chapel, or Church, is a single pile, with a chancel covered with thatch, without a steeple, and dedicated to St. *John* the *Baptist,* and the prior of *Castleacre,* as patron of the rectory, was patron of it; and the rector had a manse here, with 30 acres, and was valued with *Fulmodeston. Peter*-pence 5*d.*

On the north wall of the chancel, is a mural monument of white

[6] Tre. Willi. de Warenna. Hund. de Galhou.—In Crokestuna, ten. Toka, T. R.E. i. car. tre. tc. iiii. lib. hoes. tc. i. car. et iiii. ac. pti. et e. in ptio. superius. i. ecclia. sine terra, et ht. ii. qr. in longo et i. in lato, et xii. d. de gelto. Ide. tenet.

marble, with this shield; *argent*, a cross, ingrailed *gules*;—crest, a buck trippant, proper, with a laurel branch in his mouth, and

P. M. S. Daniel Green, A. M. Coll. S. S. Trin. apud Cantab. quondam socius nuper eccles. de Fulmodeston cum Croxton, annos plus quadriginta rector, omni literarum genere exornatus singulis provinciæ quadruplicis muneribus, in officinis jurè suis præclarè functus, sacerdotis, pædagogi, mariti et patris, posteris imitandum. Maximis in Deum pietatis, et optimis in hominem virtutis, limatum officiis edidit exemplar. Et cum indigno de mundo benè diu meruisset, magno perdignis honore, in cœlum, alumnos, conjugem, et sobolem charus, cœlestem, spretis mundanis benedictionem obnixè precatus, ultimum amicis dixit vale, et migravit defletus. Interim autem Deo clementissimo, ingrato orbi et terræ fœcundæ, ad resurrectionem, tandem aliquando sperans meliora, animam humillimè, famam providè corpus libenter, foris juxta depositum, commisit, impertivit, reliquit, p. J. H. S. A°. Dom. 1700, *Ætat.* 71.

In the chapel-yard a tomb:

In memory of Ann, wife of Thomas Fasset, daughter of Thomas Wilson, parson of this parish 55 *years, and grand-daughter of Thomas Tavernor, Gent. lord of Kettleston, obiit* 1691; and *argent*, a bend, lozengy, *sable;* the arms of *Tavernor.*

CLIPSTON.

This was an hamlet to *Fulmodeston*, held also by *Toke*, and after by the Earl *Warren*, who had 4 socmen, who held lands of him; it went with the manor of *Fulmodeston*. *Walter de Grancurt* was lord in the 3d of *Henry* III. and in the 12th of that King purchased of *Jeffery de Leonibus*, one carucate of land here, by fine.[7]

Lete fee to the lord of the hundred was 6*d.*

FAKENHAM,

At the compiling of *Domesday book*, was in the King's hands, *Herold* was lord of it in King *Edward's* reign, and also when he was King of *England;* but being slain in the battle of *Hastings*, it came to *William* the Conqueror. Two carucates of land belonged to it, 5 villains, and 20 bordarers, with 4 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 4 amongst the men, &c. 5 acres of meadow, 3 mills, the moiety of a saltwork, &c. Several beruites belonged to it, or it extended into these following townships, &c. *Alatorp, Torpaland, Stanhou, Stabyrda, Creik, Barsham, Snaring, Katestuna,* and *Norton*, of which we shall treat in their place. In King *Edward's* time it was

[7] See in Kettleston.

worth 8*l. per ann.* at the survey 43*l.* was 7 furlongs long, and 3 and a half in breadth, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[8]

Probably the river on which this town stands, might, in the *Saxon* age, be callen *Fa; Ken* always denotes a stream of water or river: thus *Kennet, Kenfard;* and frequently occurs, as *Ham* does for a dwelling. There are two towns in *Suffolk* called *Fakenham.*

Some ancient records say, that King *William* II. called *Rufus,* gave this great lordship to *Hugh Capel,* to be held by two knights fees, and that it descended to his son *Hugh,* and grandson *Walter,* and so to his daughters: Others say, that his name was *Hugh Symired,* that he was enfeoffed of it by King *Henry* I. and that on the death of *Walter Symered* his son, it reverted or escheated to the Crown, and King *John* granted it to *William de Albiny* Earl of *Arundel,* who was lord about the 7th of that King.

In the 25th of *Henry* III. *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel* was summoned to restore to the King this lordship, with that of *Whaddon* in *Buckinghamshire,* as escheats belonging to the *Normans;* on which the Earl pleaded, that he held not *Fakenham* entire, but that *Reginald de St. Martin* held one mill and 7 acres of marsh, and that he also paid to the prior of *Castleacre* 4*s. per ann.;* he was ordered to give a second plea, when he pleaded that his father and brother were seized of it, that the King gave him also livery of it; and he added, that when *Normandy* was lost, the Earl his father, who was there with King *John,* lost all his lands there; who being willing to recompense him in part of his loss, gave him *Fakenham* and *Whaddon,* and received his homage, promising, that as soon as he was possessed of *Normandy,* to restore his lands lost there, or give him as many lands there to make up the value; and that he had letters of seisin of this manor, and that of *Whaddon.* The chancery rolls being searched, it appeared, that in the 9th of King *John,* the sheriff of *Norfolk* had a command to deliver to *William* Earl of *Arundel,* the manor of *Fakenham,* which *Al. de Morvil,* or *Marhil* had, and was committed to him to keep till the King could restore to him his land in Normandy; and in the same manner it was commanded the sheriff of *Bucks;* but it appears, that in the said year *Beatrix* Countess of *Provence* in *France* had a grant of it for life; and in the following year a grant of a fair here. From the Countess it came to *Alianore,* Queen Consort to King *Henry* III. It was found in the 3d of *Edward* I. that this village, before it came into the hands of the Countess, and Queen aforesaid, paid shire scot to *Gallow* hundred lete, and the bailiff of that lete received 35*d.* of the inhabitants here, with the homage of *Althorp, Snoring Parva,* &c. *Alianore,* the King's mother, held it at this time, had the assise, and other liberties.

King *Edward* II. on the 11th of *October,* in his third year, gave it to *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare,* who dying without issue in the 7th of the said King, it was granted in the following year to *David de Strabolgi*

[8] Hund. Galgou.—Tre. Regis.—Fachenham ten. Herold. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. v, vill. et xx. bor. et iiii. ser. semp. in dnio. ii. car. et houm. iiii. car. silva. ad xii. por. v. ac. pti. iii. mol. dim. salina. sep. iii. r. et xx. por. et cc. oves. Huic man. pertinet i. beruita Alatorp, &c. alia Torpaland, &c. alia Stanhou, et Kreic, Estanbyrda, Barsham, Snaringa, Fagenham, ht. vi. quar. in long. et dim. in lat. et xii. d. in gelt. et Katestuna, et Nortuna, hoc totum val. T. R. E, viii. *l.* mo. XLIII *l.*

Earl of *Athol*, with the advowson, till the lands of the said Earl, in *Scotland*, could be restored to him.[9]

On the 8th of *February*, in the 5th of *Edward* III. *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk* had a grant of it; but soon after, about the 6th of that King, *Isabel* Queen dowager; who died seized of it in his 32d year.

In the 38th of this King, it was found on a pleading in Easter term, that the inhabitants of this town were not obliged to repair the causey, called *Brig* mill-dam, then broke down; and an assise was brought in the 43d of *Henry* III. on account of the mill-pool's being raised too high.

Sir *Robert Knolles* is said, with his lady *Constantia*, to have an interest herein, in the 45th of the said King, in which year the lady died.

But the King, in his 46th year *June* 25th, gave it to his son, *John* of Gaunt Duke of *Lancaster*, and on his death it came to his son *Henry* IV. King of *England*, and Duke of *Lancaster*, and continued in the Crown till granted about the reign of King *Charles* I. to the *Farmers* of *Barsham-East*, or the *Calthorps*.

Sir *Christopher Calthorp* died seized of it, and by his heirs it came to the *L'Estranges*, Sir *Henry L'Estrange*, Bart. being the late lord.

Sir *Henry Spilman* is surprised to find that a *salina*, or salt-pit, should, in *Domesday Book*, be mentioned as a part of this lordship, being six miles from the sea; but it is to be observed, that this *salina* lay in some place on the sea belonging to *Herold*, and after to him, when King; thus *Necton*, a town above 12 miles from the nearest part of the sea, had a *salina*, which lay at *Lyn*; *Herold* was lord of *Necton*, and had a fee in *Lyn*, which *Ralph de Tony* enjoyed at the survey.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. lands here belonging to *Hempton* priory were granted by the King, *September* 9th, to Sir *William Fermor*, and the Lady *Catherine* his wife.

In the 7th of *James* I. *May* 30th, *Fakenham* mill, and a parcel of land called *Hallmore*, and a warren there, &c. granted to *Edmund Ferrers* and *Francis Philips*, paying 5*l.* 10*s. per ann.*

Tenths were 9*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*—Deducted 22*s.*

The CHURCH is a regular large pile, having a nave, a north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel covered with tiles; at the west a tower with 6 bells, and is dedicated to St. *Peter*; the ancient valor was 100 marks, and the present valor of this rectory is 35*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

Round the cover of the font is;

Orate pro aia. Ade Plowryte, et Alicie uxoris ejus, et omnium benefactor. suor. qui istud opus fieri fecerunt in honore Dei omnipotentis. Amen.

On the 8 sides of the stone bason or font are several religious emblems, *viz.* of an angel, ox, lion, and eagle, to represent the 4 Evangelists; also that of the Trinity, a cross, crown of thorns, the King's

[9] This Earl let it to Dame Catherine Giffard, at 10*l. per ann.* a mercate then belonged to it, a water-mill and wind-mill, a meadow, called Cromholm, and certain marsh grounds.

arms; also on the pillar of it, the letter H, or L, in an old character, and a crown over it, to represent it as being in the dutchy of *Lancaster*, or built in King *Henry* the VIth's reign.

In the middle isle lie several grave-stones disrobed of their brasses:

Margaret, wife of Isaac Payn, Gent. daughter of William Harridence, late of Fakenham, Gent. died November 10. 1699.

On the belfry, which was built and painted at the charge of one *Salman*, are the arms of *Gourney;* also, *or* three escutcheons, *azure*, each charged with a lion rampant, *argent.*

The east end of the south isle has been an old chapel; on the pavement lies a black marble:

In memory of Rice Gwin, Esq. and Mary his wife, she died June 13, 1727, *aged* 66;—and this shield, *gules*, a chevron, between three lions rampant, *or; Gwin*, impaling, as I take it, *Hammond*, on a chevron, voided three doves.

And in the said isle, a gravestone:

In memory of James Smith, secretary to the Lord Townsend, who died 1713; with this shield;—a fess, wavy, between three lions gambs erect, and erased.

At the east end of the north isle, being an ancient chapel dedicated to St. *Mary*, (so called 1441,) lies a gray marble stone:

Orate p. aia. Ric. Betteson Capellani, qui obt. x. *die mensis Febr. Ao. Dom.* M.CCCC.XCV.

On a black marble gravestone, with the arms of *Calthorp*, in a lozenge:

Catherine, 3d daughter of Sir Christopher Calthorpe of East-Barsham, Kt. of the Bath, and dame Dorothy died 19*th of September,* 1717, *aged* 47.

Near this a gravestone:

In memory of James Calthorpe, Esq; eldest son of Sir Christopher, born June 9th, 1673, *died June* 24, 1696.

Also on a gravestone; quarterly, *Calthorpe* and *Leukenor, argent*, three chevronels, *azure*, impaling *Spring, argent*, on a chevron, ingrailed between three mascles, *gules*, as many cinquefoils, *or:*

In memory of Sir Christopher Calthorpe, Kt. of the Bath, and the last survivor of 68 *knights, companions of that honorable order, eldest son of James Calthorpe, and Katherine his wife, daghter of Sir Edward Lukenor of Denham, in Suffolk, Kt. he died Febr.* 7, 171$\frac{7}{8}$, *aged* 75 *years.*

Adjoining, one:

In memory of dame Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Spring of Pakenham in Suffolk, Bt. wife of Sir Christopher Calthorpe, from the 19*th of September.* 1664, *to the* 7*th of February* 1715; *mother of* 14 *children, of which* 6 *daughters, and all the sons, deceased before her.*

Against the north wall is a mural monument, with the arms of *Calthorpe*. Opposite to this monument, on the south side of the isle:

Lyeth the body of Christopher Calthorpe, Esq. grandson of Sir Christopher Calthorpe, Knt. of the Bath. The loss of a youth of such promising parts and ingenuity, and the last heir male of this elder branch of that antient family, can never be enough lamented: He died of a violent fever at the school of St. Edmund's, Bury, the 6th day of November, 1720, *aged* 13 *years and one day.*

In the middle of the chancel lies a large gray marble stone, whereon has been the portraiture of a priest in brass, and a rim of brass round; the upper part of the portraiture was lately remaining, with part of the rim, and these words: *sexti, qui obiit die Sabbati:*—There have also been 4 shields, one at each corner, of which the two lowest only remain, *viz.* a pelican vulning himself, and two cross keys in saltire, round which, *Aperite mihi portas justitie.* I take this to be in memory of *Henry Keys*, admitted rector of this church in 1405, rector also of *Massingham Magna*, clerk of the King's Chancery, keeper of the hanaper, archdeacon of *Norfolk*, who died in or about 1428.

On the south side of the chancel are 3 stalls, or arches of stone, for the Bishop, archdeacon, and rector.

The church porch, by the date thereon, appears to be built in 1497.

In the churchyard, on the north side, near the burial place of the *Calthorpe* family, is an altar tomb, inclosed with iron rails:

In spem beatæ resurrectionis, sub hoc marmore conduntur, reliquiæ Christopheri Calthorpe, Armigeri, filii 4ti Christoph. Calthorpe de East Basham, in comit. Norf. militis Balnei, qui post longam valetudinem minus firmam, desiderium amicis, et flebilis omnibus animam Deo reddidit 7mo die Aug. Ao. Dom. 1713, *anno ætat.* 32. with the arms of *Calthorpe*, impaling *De Grey*; *azure*, a fess, between three chevrons, *or*.

On an altar tomb in the churchyard, on the south side:

Hic jacet Johannes, quem propè dilecta sua Catherina Wortley, quos amor et ecclesia conjunxit; separavit, et rerum, et hominum edax, tempus, et tumulus rapuit. Hanc anno Domini 1665, *ætate integram. Hunc anno Dni.* 1695, *senectute fractum vicit, facilis victoria. Veniet, veniet tamen dies, quæ raptam dabit, quæ victum, invictum reddet. Vis plura lector, scias honestis ortas parentibus, et quondam hujus loci, nunc beatioris incolas.*

In this church were the lights of St. *Peter* in the upper cross, St. *Paul*, the Trinity of the lower cross in the nave of the church, of the Virgin in her chapel, St. *John Baptist*, St. *James*, St. *Anne* in the south part of the church, St. *Mary de la Pity*, St. *Peter* on the pillar, St. *Osith*, St. *Christopher*, St. *Mary* in the wall, the Trinity on the pillar against our Lady in the wall; St. *Andrew*, St. *Erasmus*, St. *Catherine*, St. *Mary Magdalen*, St. *Margaret*; and in 1492, here was the light of good King *Herry*, which I take to be of *Henry* VI. esteemed a saint, &c. and burning by his image.

Also the guilds of St. *Peter*, of the Trinity, St. *Mary*, St. *Anne*, St. *Syths*, St. *James*.

Also the chapels of St. *Mary*, St. *Thomas* the Martyr.

William Rawlyns bequeaths to the building, or work of the church, in 1455, 20*s.* and to that of the tower 20*s.*

John Coole, by his will dated 1494, desires to be buried in the chapel of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and gives his messuage in *Fakenham* mercate, with the garden, &c. 60 acres of lands, and a cottage, called *Barbour's,* to be sold with a close, called *Fox-yerd,* to find a priest in St. *Thomas's* chapel for his soul, &c.

I find the church porch to be used as a magazine for the hundred of *Gallow* in 1602; and on the 23d of *June* in that year, xxviilb. of powder, xxixlb. and xxiiiilb. to be lodged there, with quantities of matches, pickaxes, axes, &c.

Walter Symered, by deed *sans date,* gave to the monks of *Castleacre* his mill, called *Brige-mill;* and *Odo,* prior of *Castleacre,* granted it to *Reinald de St. Martin,* and his heirs, to be held at the yearly rent of 42*s.*

ALTHORP

Was at the survey a beruite belonging to the King's manor of *Fakenham,* as it did in King *Herold's* time, containing one carucate of land, 3 bordarers, one servus; in demean, one carucate, two bovates, and two acres of meadow amongst the men, or tenants.[9]

This is now a small hamlet lying about two miles to the north-east of *Fakenham,* and continues part of that lordship at this time.

The inhabitants pay both great and small tithes to the rector of *Fakenham,* and come to that church; formerly I find there was a chapel dedicated to *All-Saints,* belonging to it, standing in 1419, and was charged separately for tenths at 20*s.* In *Edward* the First's reign, here were 30 houses with their families, and they baptised and buried here, and here was the gild of *All-Saints.*

THORPLAND.

This also at the survey was a beruite, belonging to the King's lordship of *Fakenham,* &c. and here was a carucate of land, and one carucate, and one servus.[1]

[9] Huic man. pertinet, i. beruita Alatorp de i. car. tre. sep. iii. bor. et i. ser. et in dnio. i. car. et hou. ii. bov. ii. ac. pti.

[1] Et alia beruita Torpaland de i. car. tre. et i. car. et i. ser.

This little hamlet lies about two miles north of *Fakenham*; I meet with old evidences mentioning *Thorpland-Hall*, a small lordship, depending on that of *Fakenham*. *Richard Dendeney* of *East Barsham*, chaplain, confirmed to *Margaret*, relict of *John de Thorpland*, all his rent, homages of his tenants here, &c. in the 20th of *Edward* III.

In a record of the 10th of *Henry* IV. it appears, that by an inquisition taken before the eschaetor, Sir *John Le Strange*, Knt. it was found, that *Roger de Lenne* gave a messuage, 100 acres of land, 10 of meadow and pasture, and 10*s*. rent, with a foldcourse in *Fakenham*, *Thorpland*, and *Althorp*, to be amortised to *Thorpland* chapel; on condition to find a chaplain to pray for the soul of the said *Roger*, which was done (as said) without the King's license.

Afterwards the *Farmers* possessed *Thorpland Hall*, and *Thomas Farmer*, Esq. held it in fee farm of Queen *Elizabeth*, as part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, as did Sir *Christopher Calthorp*, who lived here in 1680, as appears from several of his letters here dated, and so came to the *L'Estranges*.

In Register *Hyrning*, amongst the *Will-Books* at *Norwich*, it appears that this chapel of *Thorpland* was dedicated to St. *Thomas*, and that there was a cemetery belonging to it, in 1419. *Robert Bateman*, chaplain of *Fakenham*, gave in 1492, 6*s*. 8*d*. to the repair of it, and there was the gild of St. *Thomas* of *Thorpland*: the rector of *Fakenham* had obventions, great and small.[2]

On the 30th of *July*, in the 9th of King *James* I. the King grants to *Francis Morice*, of *Westminster*, Esq. and *Francis Philips*, of *London*, Gent. this chapel, then a barn, in the tenure of *Jerome Alexander*, Gent.; and in the said year, *November* 28, they conveyed it, with half an acre of land, whereon it stood, to *Robert Bumpstead* of *Walsingham Parva*; it was held then of the manor of *East Greenwich*, and in soccage, paying 2*s*. rent *per ann*.

The inhabitants of this hamlet go to *Fakenham* church, and pay great and small tithes to the rector.

In the reign of *Edward* I. it is said there were 90 parishioners in this hamlet, when there was a chaplain to serve the cure, but no sepulture, or baptism, belonged to it.

The rectory of *Fakenham* had a manse, with 40 acres of land belonging to it, in King *Edward* the First's reign, and paid *Peter*-pence 13*d*.

RECTORS.

Wymerus occurs rector, in 1226.

1300, *John de St. John*, rector, presented by Sir *Guido Ferre*.

In 1309, the sequestration was granted to *William de Melton*, and in the said year he was instituted, presented by the King; he was afterwards Archbishop of *York*.

1317, *Simon Garet*, by *David de Strabolgy* Earl of *Athol*.

1328, *Walter de Avyham*, by *Isabella* Queen of *England*.

1357, *William de Walcote*, *Ditto*; he was archdeacon of the East Riding in *Yorkshire*.

[2] Reg. Wolman, p. 2. fol. 163.

1364, *William de Gunthorp*, by the master and scholars of the King's Hall in *Cambridge;* he was prebend of *Wighton*, in the county of *York*, of *South Alton* in *Salisbury*, and prebend of *Southwell.*

1400, *Richard Kingeston. Ditto:* he was archdeacon of *Hereford.*

1405, *Henry Kays. Ditto;* archdeacon of *Norwich*, &c.

1426, Mr. *Robert Fitz Hugh*, S. T. P. *Ditto;* afterwards Bishop of *London.*

1431, Mr. *Thomas Ludham*, in Decret. Bacc. *Ditto;* prebend of *Lincoln.*

1454, *William Radclyff*, Decret. Dr. prebend of St. *Paul's* and treasurer of *Litchfield.*

1465, *Robert Wodeman. Ditto.*

1477, Mr. *William Laughton*, S. T. P. by *John Rotheram*, Esq. *hac vice.*

1496, Mr. *William Rokesby*, by *John* Bishop of *Salisbury*, and the master and fellows of King's Hall, &c.

1522, Mr. *Thomas Baughe*, alias *Williams*, S. T. B. by the master and fellows, &c.

1540, *David Bromfield*, L. L. B. *Ditto.*

1545, *George Cowper*, S. T. B. *Ditto.*

Richard Lache was rector about 1553.

1555, Mr. *Edmund Cosyn*, S. T. B. master of *Catherine* Hall, *Cambridge*, rector of *Oxburgh*, &c. presented by the master, &c. of Trinity college, *Cambridge.*

1558, *William Marshall. Ditto.*

1570, *Robert West*, S. T. B. *Ditto.*

1610, *Samuel Heron*, S. T. P. *Ditto.*

1616, *George Watts*, S. T. B. *Ditto.*

1640, *Richard Meredith*, S. T. P. *Ditto.*

1655, *Charles Robotham*, B. D. *Ditto.*

1700, *Daniel Hopkins*, D. D. *Ditto.*

1732, *John Hacket*, D. D.

1745, *Richard Walker*, D. D. on *Hacket's* death.

1758, *Francis Hooper*, D. D.

1763, Dr. *Davis*, D. D. the present rector.

HEMPTON.

WILLIAM Earl *Warren* was lord of this village, at the survey, which was possessed by four freemen in King *Edward's* reign, who were ejected; half a carucate of land belonged to them, and they had 4 bordarers, who had a carucate; here was also a church endowed with one acre; the whole was valued then at 5*s. per ann.* at the survey at 3*s.*; it was 2 furlongs long and broad, and paid 4½*d.* gelt.[3]

[3] Tre. Willi. de Warenna.——Hundret. de Brodercross.—In Hamatuna. iiii. lib. hoes. de dim. car. tre. et iiii. bord. et i. car. i. ecclia. de i. ac. tc. val. v. sol. modo. iii. sol. et ht. ii. quar. in longo et in lato, et iiii. d. et obol. de gelto.

The *Britons* called many rivers by the name of *Anton*, or *Avon*, and it is probable that the river, by which this town stands, was also so called; and the *Saxons*, retaining many of the said names, called them by corruption, or contraction, *An* and *Han*; thus *Hampshire*, in *Domesday Book*, is wrote *Hantshire*, and thus *South Hampton*, &c.

Roger de St. Martin was lord in the reign of *Henry* I.

The ancient family of *St. Martin* were enfeoffed of it by the Earl *Warren*: *Reginald de St. Martin*, son of *Richard de St. Martin*, held here and in *Tofts*, a quarter of a fee of the Earl, in the 3d of *Henry* III.; *Roger de St. Martin*, son of *Reginald*, was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I.; of this family was *Juliana*, daughter of *Richard de St. Martin*, who married *Richard*, son of *Eborard de Geist*; and *Richard de St. Martin* occurs lord in the reign of *Edward* II.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. Sir *John Bardolf* and his parceners were found to hold one fee in this town, *Waterden*, *Barsham*, &c. In the said reign, *Thomas de Mileham* is said to have bought a little manor here, which by the marriage of his daughter and heir came to *William Durant*, Esq.

JOHN DE WOLTERTON of *Barsham*, &c. aliened in the first of *Richard* II. the manor of *Hempton*, with lands in *Waterden*, to the prior of *Damsend*, that is *Hempton*, so called, lying near to *Fakenham* river, or mill-dam, to the value of 10 *marks*, with the King's license; and the prior of *Hempton* was found in the 5th of *Henry* VI. to hold it, formerly Sir *John Bardolf's*.

On the 9th of *September*, in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. that King granted the prior's manor, with lands in *Toftres*, *Sculthorpe*, *Fakenham*, *Pudding Norton*, &c. to Sir *William Farmer* and the Lady *Catherine*, his wife, *Thomas Farmer*, Esq. his nephew, held it in the 6th of *Edward* VI. in capite, and sold it to Mr. *Richard Benson*, together with the priory, as may be there seen, &c.

The temporalities of *Castleacre*, in a mill called *Brigg-Mill*, were valued in 1428, at 42*s. per ann.*——The tenths were 2*l.* lete fee 6*d.*

A CHURCH, dedicated to St. *Andrew*, was standing in the 12th of *Henry* VII. and was a rectory appropriated to the priory, and granted with the manor; it was valued at 5 *marks*, and paid *Peter*-pence 5*d. ob.*

In the 4th of *Edward* I. *Roger de St. Martin* impleaded the prior on account of the patronage of this church, and the prior pleaded, that *William de St. Martin* gave it to the priory.

HEMPTON PRIORY

Was at first an hospital, and afterwards a priory, founded by *Roger de St. Martin*, in the reign of King *Henry* I. for black canons of the order of St. *Austin*, and dedicated to St. *Stephen*. In the 2d year of King *John*, the archdeacon of *Worcester* (probably *John de Brancaster*) gave a palfrey to the King, for a fair to be held yearly on Tuesday in Whitsunday week, for the profit and use of the brethren of the hospital of St. *Stephen*, (as then called,) by the causey of *Fakenham*; which fair is held at this time on *Hempton Green*, and is a considerable one.

PRIORS.

Simon was prior *Ao.* 12th of *Henry* II.

Richard occurs prior, in the 54th of *Henry* III.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior had 2 *marks per ann.* rent, in *Norton*, alias *Pudding Norton;* and in the 27th of that King,

Guy Ferret occurs prior, and had divers tenements in *Fakenham* on the watercourse, down to the mill.

In 1301, *Richard de Westacre*, admitted prior.

Alan de Lenn, prior.

1339, *Nicholas de Kettleston.* Sir *John Bardolfe* of *Maple Durham* was patron of the priory in the reign of *Edward* III. and held (as it is said) the gross, or great manor of *Hempton*, late *Richard de St. Martin's.*

1386, *John de Snoring*, prior.

1393, *John Pencthorp.*

Robert Bernard of *Sculthorp* gave, about the 6th of *Henry* IV. to the chapel of St. *Stephen*, and the brethren serving God, lands in *Sculthorpe*, and they had the manor at *Waterden.*

John occurs prior in the 4th of *Henry* IV. and in 1428, their temporalities in this town were valued at 23*s.* 6*d. per ann.*

John occurs prior, about the 15th, and *Richard* occurs prior in the 17th and the 28th of *Henry* VI. when, on the feast-day of the conception of the blessed Virgin, he, with the convent, granted lands in *Toftrys*, under the common seal of the priory, in the chapter-house; which was of an oblong form, (of red wax,) as most religious seals, and the image of St. *Stephen*, standing in an arch, between 2 tapers, with this legend round it; Sigillum Commune Sancti Stephani de Hempton: and under this, the prior in an arch, kneeling.

Stephen Wighton, a canon of *Westacre*, was elected prior in 1451, and *October* 2d, confirmed by the Bishop.

By an indenture, made on Tuesday next after the feast of St. *Peter ad Vincula*, in 1461, between *Nicholas*, prior of *Castleacre*, &c. on one part, and *Stephen*, prior of the church of St. *Stephen de Dammysende* of *Fakenham*, on the other part.—Whereas the prior of *Dammysende* and his predecessors were seized of a water-mill, in *Fakenham*, called *Briggemill*, in demean, as of fee and right, &c. for which they paid to the prior of *Castleacre*, the yearly rent of 42*s.* it was agreed that the prior of *Dammysende* and his successours, should only pay the yearly rent of 20*s.*

In 1481, *John de Lexham*, alias *Penton*, admitted prior, and occurs in 1504.

King *Edward* IV. is said to be patron of the priory, in right of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, held by him.

William Fakenham, prior.

John Sambrook occurs prior in the 21st of *Henry* VIII. and the priory then had lands at *Upwell.*

In 1534, *Henry Salter* occurs prior: he, with three canons, subscribed then, *September* 22, to the King's supremacy, and had a pension of 4*l. per ann.* and held it, 1553.

At the Dissolution it is said to be valued at 39*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; but in 1428,

it appears that their spiritualities were valued at 68*s.* 8*d.* and their temporalities, at 29*l.* 2*s. ob. per ann.*—As *Dugdale,* valued at 32*l.* 14*s.* 8*d. per ann.*—As *Speed,* 39*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*

Besides the fair abovementioned, another, on the vigil and feast of St. *Martin,* belonged to them, still kept, and remarkable for the sale of cattle,) and held in the 14th of *Edward* I. when the prior also claimed a mercate on Tuesday, at *Hempton.*

The site of this priory, with the rectory appropriated, and the manor, was granted (as abovementioned) by King *Henry* VIII. to Sir *William Farmer,* and the Lady *Catherine* his wife, and *Thomas Farmer,* his nephew, conveyed them to *Richard Benson,* Gent. in the 14th of *Elizabeth,* and *Benson,* to *Matthew Gosnald,* Gent. and he left it in jointure to his wife. *Henry Gosnald,* his son, sold the reversion to Sir *Thomas Holland,* of whom *Nicholas Timperly,* Gent. bought it.

The Lord Viscount *Townsend* is the present lord.

HELLOUGHTON, OR HELGHETON.

PART of this town was a beruite to the King's manor of *Reinham,* farmed of the King, at the survey, by *Godric,* of which *Ulviet* was deprived; six socmen held half a carucate of land, and there were 2 bordarers, with 2 carucates, and 2 acres of meadow; it was 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, paid 10*d.* gelt, and was valued with that of *Rainham.*[4]

HALGATUN, as this town was wrote, is compounded of *Hal,* or *Al,* and *Ga,* which signifies in *Saxon,* a town, all by the water.

This lordship remained in the Crown, till King *Stephen* gave it to *William de Cheyney,* in exchange for that of *Mileham,* on condition, that if he or his son liked *Mileham* better, he might then renounce this, which was soon after done; being thus again in the Crown, the said King granted it to the *Hauvilles.* See in *Rainham, Hayvile's* manor.

In the 2d year of King *John, William de Hauville* and *Ralph de Erleham,* came to an agreement, *William* giving it to *Ralph,* to be held of him and his heirs, by the service of paying 40*s. per ann. William* proving that his father and grandfather were seized of it in fee; and in the 30th of *Edward* I. *Thomas de Hauville* was found to die seized of it, as capital lord; in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Juliana de Erlsham,* was returned as lady of this manor: in a computus of *Nicholas Stokes,* bailiff of this manor *Ao.* 21st of *Edward* IV. it was possessed by *Roger Townsend,* formerly by Sir *John Snoring,* Knt.; it came to the *Townsends* probably on the marriage of the heiress of *Hauvill,* with the manor also of *Rainham,* and Sir *Roger Townsend* died possessed of it in 1551; in this family it continues, the Lord Viscount *Townsend* being the present lord.

[4] In Halgatuna, vi. soc. de dim. car. ii. ac. pti. ht. iiii. qr. in lon. et iii. in tre. sep. ii. bor. tc. ii. car. p. et m°. i. lat. et x*d.* in gelt.

ST. FAITH'S, OR HORSHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Peter Lord *Valoine's* manor of *Snoring Parva* extended into this, and there was one socman here, who held lands of him;[5] this came, as I take it, to *Robert* Lord *Fitzwalter,* by the marriage of *Gunnora,* daughter and heir of *Robert de Valoines,* who gave it to this priory; in the 9th of *Edward* II. the prior of St. *Faith's* was found to have a lordship here.

King *Henry* VIII. in his 35th year, *December* 3, granted it to *Robert Townsend,* serjeant at law, and *Gyles Townsend,* Esq. together with the appropriated rectory of this church, and the advowson of the vicarage; and on the 10th of that month, they conveyed it to Sir *Roger Townsend,* with the patronage of the vicarage, in which family it remains.

The Earl *Warren* had at the survey a socman here, who held 60 acres; with 8 bordarers, who held a carucate and an acre and half of meadow, the moiety of a mill, &c. valued at 5*s.*; this belonged to the fee of *Frederic.* The said Earl had also a socman, with 12 acres, and half a carucate: this is placed under *Rudham,* and *Ralph,* lord of *Rudham,* held this socman under the Earl.—Earl *Warren* had also of the fee of *Frederic,* a freeman here, on the same tenure as his predecessor, who could not leave his land without license, as the hundred could witness; and a certain man called *Franco,* belonging to *Drogo de Beuraria,* claimed his land as belonging to his lord *Drogo's* fee, delivered to him by the Conqueror; and that *Heinfrid,* his predecessor, held it in *Frederic's* time, and afterwards *Drogo,* as the hundred testifies; but the hundred could not judge of the right or delivery of it.[6]

A family who assumed their name from the town, was early enfeoffed of this, under the Earl *Warren; Alan de Helgeton* held part of a fee of the Earl, about the 18th of *Henry* III. and in the said reign, *Walter Bernardeston* had the 3d part of a fee. *Henry de Helghton* was returned as lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and was then found to have made encroachments on the common; and *Thomas de Helgeton* occurs lord in the 14th of that King, and claimed view of frank-pledge, assise of bread and beer; and *John de Helghton* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

Roger de Kerdeston died possessed of it, and of *Sistern,* in the 11th of *Edward* III. and *Thomas de Shardelow,* in the 14th of that King, held the 3d part of the fee, late *Walter de Barnardeston's.*

Sir *William de Kerdeston* died lord in the 36th of the said reign, and *William* was his son and heir; and *Nicholas Payn,* in the 50th of that King, had a lordship, and gave lands to *John Chosele* of *Bruns-*

[5] Huic manerin (viz. Esnaringa) ptio. i. soc. &c. in Halgetuna, &c.

[6] In Helgetuna, (Hundret. de Broder. cross, tre. Willi. de Warrenna) i. soc. de LX. ac. semp. val. v. sol. hec. terra est supius. scripta. de fedo Frederici.—Et in Helgatuna ten. idem (Rads.) i. soc de xii. ac. et dim. car. et in Helgatuna tenet, Will. de Warena de feudo Frederici, i. lib. ho. ide. qd. antecessor ej. ita. tenuit, quod non posset recedere, a tra. nisi licentia, illin. et hundret, hoc testatr. et quidam, homo Drogonis de Beuraria Franco nomine calumpniatur illam ad feudu. domini sui de dono Regis de libatione. dicens, qd. antecessor ej. tenuerit Heinfrid. scilicet. tpe. Frederici et pi. eu. tenuit Drogo, et hund. testatur. h. qd. ipsi. tenuer. sed. h. non jud. in breve. ne liberatore.

thorpe, and sealed with a fess, between three birds; and in the 22d of *Henry* VI. *John Payne* of *Hellughton*, Esq.

William Gaskin of St. *Albans*, in *Hertfordshire*, and *Margaret* his wife, granted by deed to Sir *William Fermour* of *East-Barsham*, Knt. the whole manor of *Staples*, alias *Stapleton's*, in *Helloughton*, *Norfolk*, which descended to *Margaret* on the death of *Thomas Lamb* her father, late of *Helloughton*, by deed dated *January* 19, *Ao.* 33°. of *Henry* VIII.

But the principal manor, late *Pain's*, was in the *Townsends*; and in the reign of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Roger Townsend* possessed it. It came, probably, into the family by the marriage of Sir *Thomas Townsend*, in the reign of *Henry* VI. with *Agnes*, daughter of *William Payn*, and in this family it remains.

Hugh de Monteforti had also at the survey a lordship, which belonged to *Bond* in King *Edward's* time; one socman held then half a carucate of land, and 8 bordarers a carucate, and two acres of meadow: this was was valued and measured with his manor of *South Rainham* and was held afterwards by the families of *Scales* and *Ingoldesthorp*, as may be there seen; and came from them to the *Townsends*, and is united to the other fees abovementioned.[7]

The tenths of this town were 3*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*—Deducted 10*s.*

Walsingham priory temporalities were 3*s.* *Hempton* priory 2*s.* 3*d.* in 1428.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was appropriated to the priory of St. *Faith* of *Horsham*, the rectory being valued at 18 marks; and here was a vicarage valued at 6 marks.—*Peter*-pence 10*d. ob.* the present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

VICARS.

1312, *William de Caston*, instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the prior and convent of *Horsham*,
1335, *Thomas de London*. *Ditto*.
1345, *John Bodeney*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the King, on account of the temporalites of *Horsham*.
1359, *Hugh Aleys*, by the bishop and convent.
1361, *John Barker*. *Ditto*.
1418, *John Barkere*. *Ditto*.
1428, *Thomas Gournay*. *Ditto*.
1429, *William Arneburgh*. *Ditto*.
1440, *Robert Poule*. *Ditto*
1481, *Richard Willyn*. The Bishop, by lapse.
1484, *John Williams*. *Ditto*.
1511, *John Newton*. *Ditto*.
1514, *Gilbert Walker*.
George Heywarden.
1544, *Robert Towers*, by Sir *Roger Townsend*.
1554, *David Moresby*, by *Robert Bozoun*, and *Robert Cooke*.

[7] Hund. de Brodercros.—In Helgetuna (tre. Hug. de Monteforti) i. soc de dim. car. tre. tunc. viii. bor. mo. xii. sep. i. car. ii. ac. pt.

1556, *William Luke*, by *Rob. Bozoun*, &c.
1560 *Robert Okes*, by *Robert Cook*, Esq.
1582, *John Pinkney*.
1624, *Tobias Legg*. The Bishop, a lapse.
1640, *Anthony Underwood*, by *Edward Symonds*, Gent.
1660, *Samuel Clark*, by *Horatio Townsend*.
1662, *Robert Framingham*, by *Horatio* Lord *Townsend*.
1678, *Thomas Nelson*. *Ditto*.
1684, *Samuel Cushing*.
1740, *Thomas Scot*, by Lord *Townsend*.
1742, *William Miles*. *Ditto*.
1748, *Charles Allen*. *Ditto*.
Here was the gild of St. *Thomas*.

HOUGHTON,

So called from its situation, which signifies high town, was a beruite to the Earl *Warren's* manor of *Rudham*, and held of him by *Simon*, consisting of a carucate of land, held by 13 socmen, with all their customary dues; one carucate in demean, and one amongst the men, and 25 socmen in *Rudham* belonged to this lordship, with one carucate of land and an half, &c.; and in *Houtone*, one socman had 30 acres; there were under them 3 villains, and 3 bordarers, with one carucate, and a church, but not endowed.[8] This part was held by *Ralph* ———, ancestor of the family of *De Caineto*, or *Cheyney*, lord of *Rudham*. From the *Cheyneys*, it came by marriage to the *Belets*, and seems to be held under them first by the *De Haveltons* or *Houghtons*, and after by the *Walpoles*.

This ancient family of *Walpole* take their name from the town of *Walpole* in *Mershland*, in *Norfolk*, where they were enfeoffed of lands belonging to the see of *Ely*. *Joceline de Walpole* was living at *Walpole* in the reign of *Richard* I. and in the 1st of King *John* held the sixth part of a fee in *Wisbeach*, with half a knight's fee in *Walpole*, *Walton*, and *Hakebeach*, with an 100 acres of marsh land in *Wisbeach* (paying 10*s*. rent *per annum*) of the Bishop of *Ely*, and 6*s*. 2*d*. rent in salt; and *Adam de Walpole* paid the same rent in salt for lands, &c. *Ralph*, son of *Joceline*, and *Roger* his brother, held a virgate and an half in *Walpole*, paying 5*s*. 4*d*. and 26 combs of salt rent *per ann.* to the Bishop; and *Adam de Walpole* held half a virgate in *Walpole*, paying 12*s*.

Reginaldus de Walpole, who lived in the reign of *Henry* I. seems

[8] Huic maner. (viz. Rudeham) ptin. et alia beruita Houtuna, Simon tenet de i. car. tre. semp. xiii. soc. cu. oi. consuetud. semp. in dnio. et hom. i. car. tnc. iiii. porc. tc. LX. oves. mo. XL. et. xxv. soc. in Rudeham jacent huic man. de i. car. et dim. et semp. intr. eos iiii. car. et in Houtuna i. de xxx. ac. et sub. ipsis iii. vill. et iii. bord. semp. i car. i. ecclia. sine tra. Radulfus ten.

to be lineal ancestor of the present family, father of *Richard de Walpole*, who married *Emma*, daughter of *Walter de Havelton*, or *Houton*, son of *William de Havelton*, (who was lord of this town,) where this family of *Walpole* resided after this marriage; and *Henry de Houton* had an interest here about the end of *Henry* the Third's reign, and held one fee.

From *Reginaldus* descended Sir *John de Walpole*, Knt. who in the 14th of *Henry* III. on the King's sailing into *Brittany*, had letters of protection, being in the family or retinue of that King, was, by *Isabel* his wife, father of Sir *Henry de Walpole*, Knt. who held lands in *Houghton*, by the service of a quarter of a fee, of the Lord *Bardolf*, and that Lord of the Earl *Warren*, and other lands by the service of one fee (as said) of *Blaminster* fee. About the 50th of *Henry* III. he was a justice of gaol delivery, and sold lands by deed, *sans date*, to *John de Spalding*, (burgess of *Lenn*,) in *Tyrington*, and sealed, as by his deed appears, with a fess, between two chevrons; the arms of the present Earl of *Orford*:—the witnesses were Sir *William de Tyrington*, and Sir *John de Wygenhale*, &c. He married *Isabel*, daughter of Sir *Peter Fitz Osbert* of *Somerley* town, sister and heir to Sir *Roger Fitz Osbert*, and was living in the 14th of *Edward* I. when a fine was levied between him and *Asceline*, daughter of *Hugh Lound*, or *Lovard* of *Houghton*, by *Rudham*:[9] and about the said time lived *Ralph Walpole* Bishop of *Ely*, who also bore the said arms.

In the 34th of *Edward* I. *Isabella de Walpole* was found to be one of the cousins and heirs of *Roger Fitz-Peter Fitz-Osbert*, and *John* son of *Alice Negoun*, was the other; she was afterwards (as it seems) the wife of Sir *Walter Jernegan*. Sir *Henry de Walpole* was his son: to him and *Alice* his wife, Mr. *Robert de Saham*, and others, trustees, granted two parts of this lordship, with lands in *Walpole* and *Walton*, and all the lands purchased by Sir *Henry* his father, of *Asceline* aforesaid, with the third part of this manor in reversion, which *Isabel Jernegan*, formerly the wife of Sir *Henry* his father, held in dower:—Witnesses, Sir *Geff. de Colvile*, Sir *Walter de Calthorp*, Sir *Thomas de Snitterton*, and Sir *John de Fretton*, Knts. dated *November* 30th, 4° *Edward* II. Sir *Henry* died about the 9th of *Edward* III. and *Henry* was his son and heir.

In the 11th of *Edward* III. *William le Gross*, parson of the church of *Bentley Parva* in *Essex*, as a trustee, settled this manor on *Henry de Walpole*, and *Joan* his wife, who was (as I take it) daughter of Sir *Oliver le Gross* of *Crostwick*, or Sir *John*.

In the 7th of *Richard* II. *Henry de Walpole*, and *Edmund* his son were witnessess to a deed, and *Henry* was found to be cousin and heir of Sir *John le Gross*, Knt. and as such released all his right in his manors; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Henry*, son of Sir *Henry de Walpole*, held one fee of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and one quarter of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*. In 1407, *Ao.* 9, *Henry* IV. he was living, and styled *Henry de Walpole*, senior, Esq. and died about the 20th of *Henry* VI.

In the 10th of *Henry* VI. *Henry de Walpole*, his son, and *Margaret* his wife, were possessed of 10 marks rent issuing out of the manor

[9] Nicholas Spigurnel, sheriff of Norfolk, accounted for 20s. received of Henry de Walpole for being a knight.—Rot. Hundr. de Brother-cross, *Ao.* 3. Edv. I. ——In Cur. Recept. Sccii. Westmon.

of *Hales-hall* in *Lodne*; she was daughter of Sir *John Harsike*, Knt, of *Southacre*, and by the name of *Henry Walpole*, Esq. of *Houghton*, made his will on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross in 1442; "Gives to *Catherine* his daughter 40*l.* towards her marriage, and the "said sum to *Alice* his daughter, out of the profits of the manor of "*Houghton*; to *Martin* his son, under age, 4 marks *per ann.* for life, "and to have all the lands which *Catherine* his father's sister had of "the gift of his father *Henry*, deceased. Appoints *Henry* his son, "*Edmund Percy*, *William Marchale*, Esqrs. his executors, to hold the "manor of *Houghton*, to perform his will, and after the performance "of it, to *Henry* his son in tail-male, remainder to *John* his son; to "*Henry* his son, his manor in *Walpole*, with the appertenances, and "to *John* his son the manor of *Istede* in *Suffolk*."[1] He had three other sons, *William Martin*, and *Thomas*, and was buried according to his will in the church of St. *Martin*, of *Houghtou*, by his wife; and his will was proved *June* 27, 1442. *Henry*, his eldest son, in the 34th of *Henry* VI. settled his manor of *Walpole* on trustees. He married, as I take it, an *Etchingham*, who bore, *azure*, fretty, *argent*; which arms, impaled by *Walpole*, were painted on the screens of this church, next to those of *Walpole* and *Harsike*. It is probable that he died without issue, his brother or son, *John de Walpole*, Esq. granting, in the 21st of *Edward* IV. to *William* his brother, the manor of *Istede* in *Weybrede*, *Suffolk*; and in the 9th of *Henry* VII. an inquisition was awarded into this county, and that of *Suffolk*, on the death of *John Walpole*, Esq. who was found to have died seized of this manor, held of the manor of *Wirmegey* by knight's service; and *Thomas* was his son and heir, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Robert Shawe*, Esq. of *Derby*.

Thomas Walpole, Gent. son and heir of *John Walpole*, Esq. late of *Houghton*, deceased, gives, in the 12th of *Henry* VII. to *Thomas Allen* of *Walpole*, a messuage with 15 acres of land, also 7 acres, and a salt-work, with all the grain belonging lately to his father, *John Walpole*, Esq. lying between the land of the chantry of St. *Mary*, which his father had of the gift of *John Walpole*, late of *London*, son of *Martin Walpole*, late of *Walpole*, and the land of *Robert Brandon*, late of *Newton*, Esq. *Thomas Hunston*, Gent. and *Philip Sutton*. Esq. He married *Joan*, daughter of *William Cobb* of *Sandringham*, Esq. by whom he had *John*, his eldest son, who died before him without issue; *Edward*, and *Henry*.

By the name of *Thomas Walpole* of *Lynne Bishop*, Esq. he made his will, *May* 24, 1512, wherein he gives, "to his son *Henry* all his "purchased lands (his manor of *Howeton* to remain 10 years in his "feoffees hands, to perform his will) and his manor of *Weybrede*, 5 "years after the decease of his wife; his executors to receive the "profits of his lands, tenements, &c. in *Walpole*, 4 years and an half, "for the making of his tumbe, and for making the north ylde of "the parish church of *Howeton*, and that done, the said lands, "tenements, &c. in *Walpole*, to be delivered to the brodirhode of the "Holy Trinity in *Lynne*-Bishop, to the intent that the alderman and "skyvens of the said gylde shall find and pay yerly 8 marks to the "wages of an abil prest to synge mess perpetually for his soul, and

[1] Reg. Doke. Norw. fol. 187.

" the sowl of *Jone* his wyfe, in the chapel of our Lady, in the chapel " of St. *Nicholas* in *Lynne*. And more, I will that the said preste shall " be at commons and lodging in the college of the Holy Trinity so " that he be ordered by the statutes of the place, and to have 6*s*. " 8*d*. of the said college yerly; and if the said alderman and skyvens, " or successours, refuse to perform the same, &c. I will the said lands, " &c. to be sold by my executor *Jeff. Cobbe* my brother-in-law, and " my son *Henry Walpole*." [2] This was proved *April* 7, 1513. He was found to die *January* 24, following, *Edward* his son being then aged 30.

Edward Walpole, Esq. his eldest son, married *Lucy*, daughter of Sir *Terry Robsert*, sister of Sir *John Robsert* of *Sedestrand*, and heir to *Amy*, first wife to Sir *Robert Dudley*, the great Earl of *Leicester* in Queen *Elizabeth's* time, daughter and heir of Sir *John Robsart*; of whom see in *Sedestern*.

Edward was buried *January* 1, 1558, and *Lucy*, *February* 1, 1559, at *Houghton*.

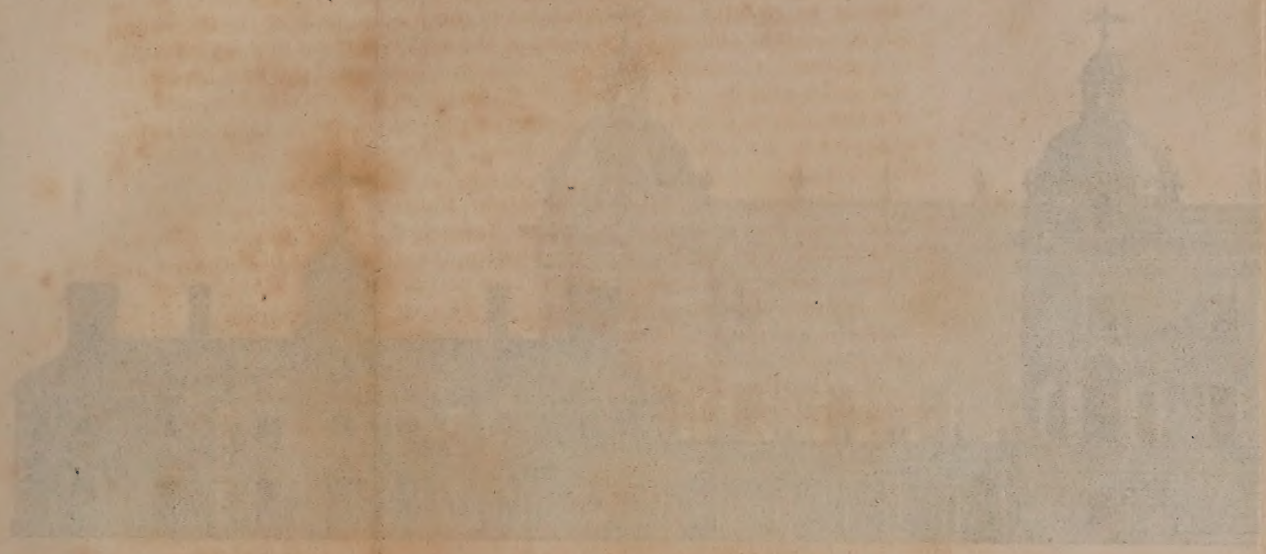
John Walpole, son and heir of *Edward* and *Lucy*, married *Catherine*, daughter and heir of *William Calybut* of *Coxford*, Gent. and was buried in *Houghton* church, *March* 29, 1588, and *Catherine September* 25, 1612, and left *EdwardWalpole*, Esq. his son and heir, who was attainted for treasonable practices at *Rome*, and died abroad without issue, being, as some say, a *Romish* priest. *Calybut Walpole*, Esq. was his twin-brother and heir, who, by *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *Edmund Bacon* of *Hesset* in *Suffolk*, Esq. had several children.

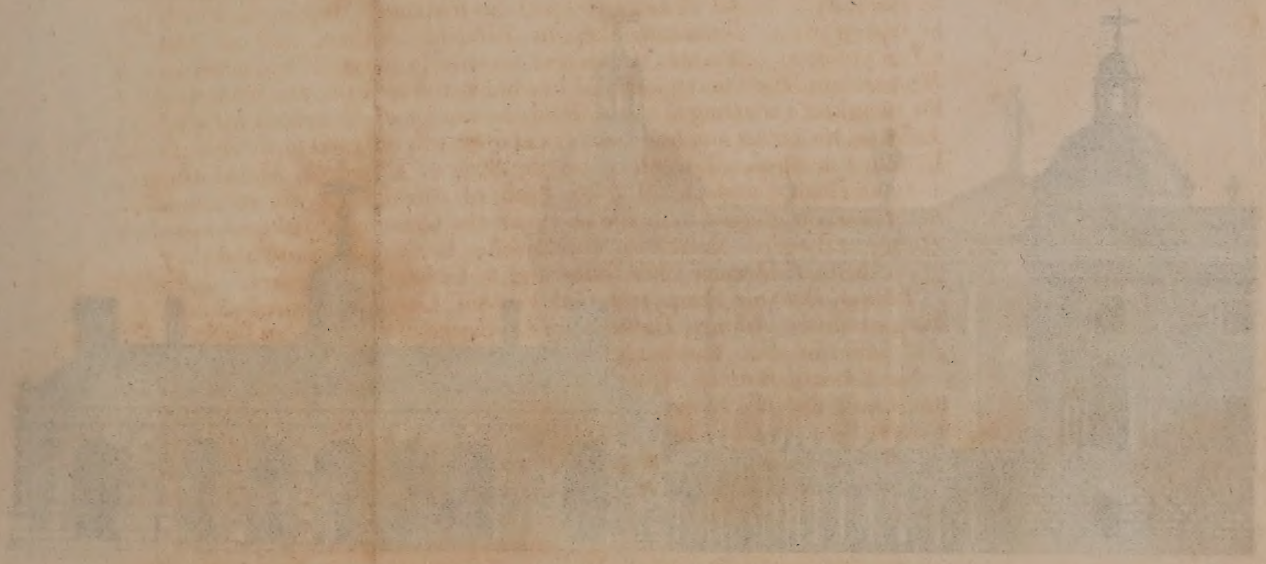
To this *Calybut*, *John Walpole*, Esq. his father, by his will, dated, *February* 28th, in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, gives the manor of *Sedesterne*, with that of *Bircham Newton*, after the decease of the Right Honourable *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, with his foldcourse and lands, which he had of *Roger Townsend*, Esq. in *Bircham Magna*, and all the sheep going on the same; *Catherine* his wife to have all his lands in *Walpole* and *Walton*, to her and her heirs, towards the preferment of his daughter's marriage, and to hold the manor of *Houghton* for life.[3] *Edward*, his eldest son and heir, (as above,) was indicted in the King's Bench for supposed treason, (in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, *March* 10,) done at *Rome*; and on *May* 26, 39th of *Elizabeth*, again indicted. After this, on *August* 3, in the said year, the Queen granted to ——— *Hussey* and ——— *Goodman*, the forfeited lands of *Edward*, and they grant them, *September* 27th following, to *Calybut* his brother.

Robert Walpole, Esq. son and heir of *Calybut*, married *Susan*, daughter of Sir *Edward Barkham* of *Southacre*, Knt. and died in 1663, and *Susan* in 1622, and buried at *Houghton*.

Sir *Edward Walpole*, Knight of the Bath, succeeded him as son and heir; and, by *Susan* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert Crane*, Bart. of *Chilton* in *Suffolk*, left at his death, in 1667, *Robert Walpole*, Esq. his son and heir; who took to wife *Mary*, only daughter and heir of Sir *Jeffrey Burwell*, Knt. of *Rougham* in *Suffolk*, by whom he had *Robert Walpole*, Esq.[4] his 3d son, and heir to his father, the greatest statesmen of the age, prime minister to King *George* I.

[2] Regist, Johnson.Norw. p. 240.
[3] Reg. Homes, fol. 206.
[4] Member of parliament for Castle-Rysing, and deputy-lieutenant of Norfolk.





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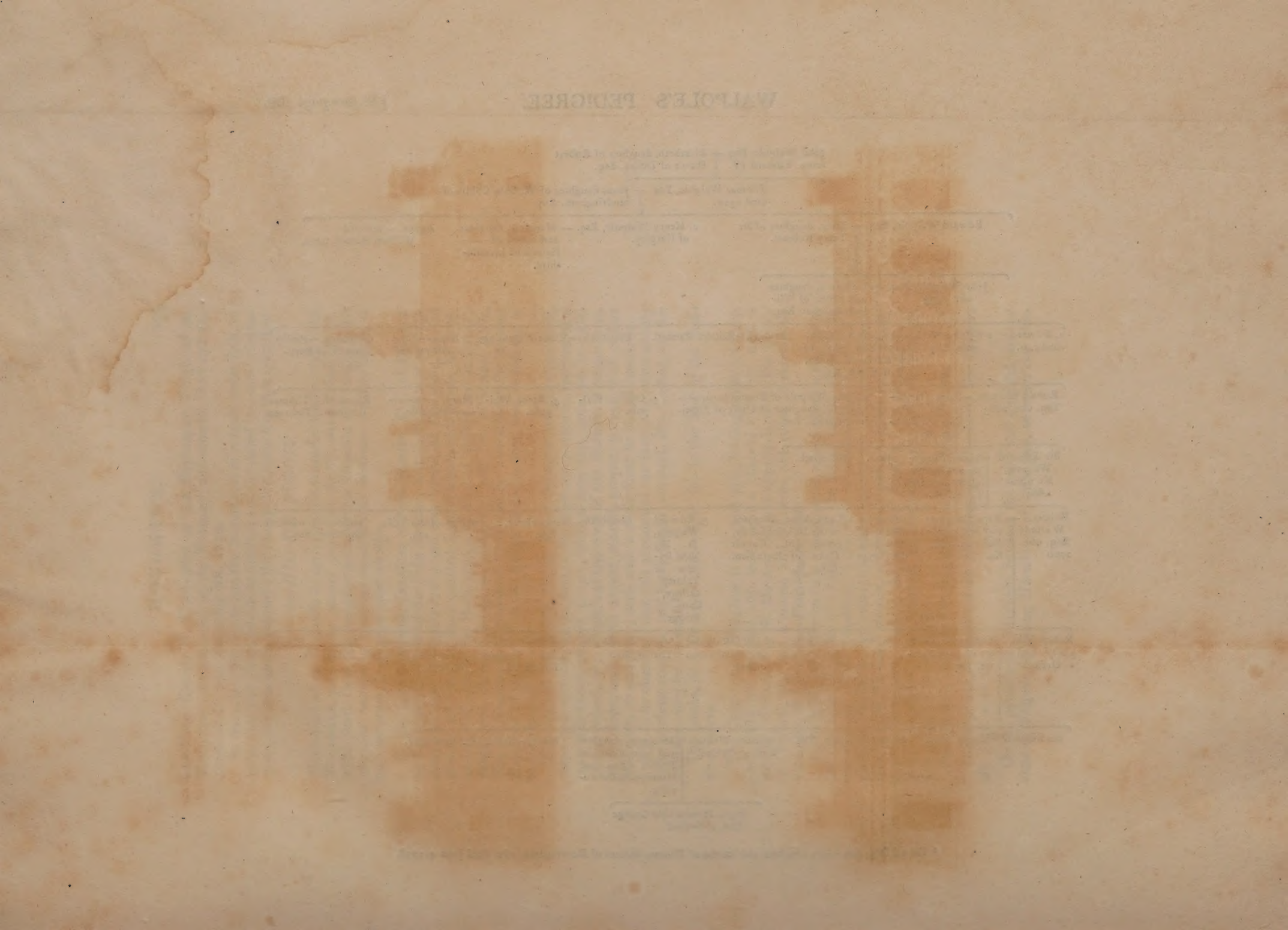

WALPOLE'S PEDIGREE.

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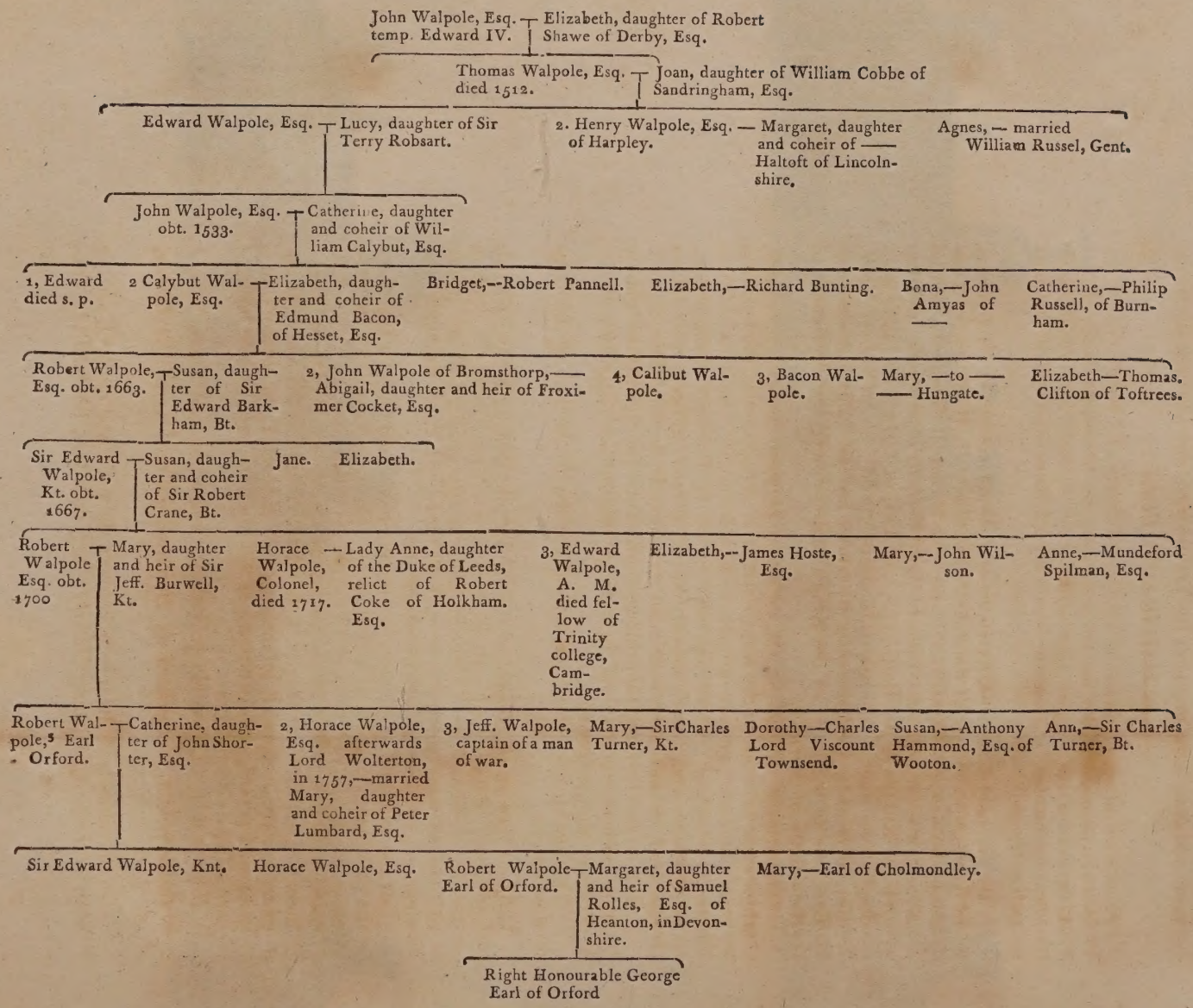


[s] His 2d lady was ——, daughter and heiress of Thomas Skirret of Dover-street, who died June 4, 1738.

and King *George* II. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Knight of the Bath, first commissioner of the Treasury, and created Earl and Viscount of *Orford*, *February* 8th, 1742.

In the year 1722, he began the foundation of a most noble hall, or palace, of free stone, which he finished and furnished in a most elegant taste, and sumptuous manner; the foundation stone was thus inscribed:

——— *HIC ME POSUIT*

Fundamen ut essem domûs in agro natali extruendæ, ROBERTUS ILLE WALPOLE, *quem nulla nesciet posteritas, die* 24. *mensis Maii, A. D.* 1722, *faxit Deus, ut postquam maturus ævi Dominus diu lætatus fuerit absoluta, incolumem tueantur incolumes ad summum omnium diem, et nati natorum, et qui nascentur ab illis.*

By his lady *Catherine*, daughter of *John Shorter*, Esq. of *Bybrook* in *Kent*, (son and heir of Sir *John Shorter*, Knt. Lord Mayor of *London*) who died in *August* 1737, and was buried at *Houghton*, he had *Robert*, his son and heir, created Lord *Walpole* of *Walpole*, in 1723, and was Knight of the Bath 1725, and Earl of *Orford* on his father's death, who married *Margaret*, daughter, and heir of *Samuel Rolle*, Esq. of *Heanton* in *Devonshire*, by whom he had *Robert*, the present Earl, one of the lords of the King's bed-chamber, lord lieutenant of the county of *Norfolk*.

The arms of this Earl is, *Or*, on a fess, between two chevrons *sable*, three cross crosslets of the first;—the crest, on a wreath, the bust of a man side-faced, couped proper, with a long cap, *gules*, on it a *Catherine*-wheel, *or*; which was the crest of the *Robsarts*:—supporters, an antelope, and a buck *argent*, attired, proper, gorged, with collars checquer, *or* and *azure*, each with a chain fixed to it, and hoofs, *or*.

It is to be observed, that this account of the family is taken chiefly from ancient records, and for a larger account, Mr. *Collins*, on the Peerage, may be consulted.

The tenths, 6*l*.—Deducted 10*s*.—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred was 2*s*.

The CHURCH of *Houghton* is a regular pile, having a nave, a north and south isle covered with lead, and a chancel with tile, with a steeple; dedicated to St. *Martin*, and was appropriated to the priory of *Coxford*, who had a manse and 30 acres, valued at 15 *marks*, the vicarage, at 5 *marks*——*Peter*-pence 16*d*.

At the west end of the nave is a monument, raised about a foot from the pavement, in form of a coffin; on the lid or cover, which is an entire piece of gray marble, is carved a curious antique figure of a prior, or abbot, in his robes, his hands spread on his breast, above them a cross, his head shaven, a dæmon couchant at his feet. It appears to have been made in the reign of *Edward* I. in memory of a prior of *Coxford*, from whence, as tradition reports, it was brought here, after its dissolution.

Near to this, on a marble gravestone, with a plate of brass,

Orate p. aia.----*Pyckard de Howeton, qui obt.* XVII. *Die Januar, A°. Dni.* M.VC.X°.

On the pannels of the screen, between the nave and chancel, are the arms of *Walpole*, impaling *Harsike*;—*or*, on a fess, between two che-

vronells, three cross crosslets *sable, Walpole;* and, *or,* a chief indented *sable, Harsike:* also *Walpole* impaling, *azure,* fretty *argent, Echingham.*

At the east end of the south isle lie several marble gravestones; *viz. Walpole,* in a lozenge, and,

M. S.—Catherina, filia natu maxima præhonorabilis Roberti Walpole et Dominæ Cather. uxoris, nata 30, *Maii* 1703, *denata* 11, *Oct.* 1722. ——*Edwardus Walpole Armiger, filius natu maximus Roberti et Mariæ, sepultus est,* 3°. *Febr.* 1697 *Ætat.* 22°. with the arms of *Walpole.*

Mary Turner born April 28th 1693, *buried January* 21, 1694; *and Mary Turner born July* 19, 1696; *both daughters of Sir Charles Turner Knt. and Mary his wife.*

Hic jacet Robertus Walpole Armig; juxta Susannam uxorem, filiam Edv. Barkham de Southacre in com. Norf. Militis, quæ obt. Ao. Dni. 1622; *natus fuit* 23 *Sept. A°, Dni.* 1593, *denatus fuit festo Sancti Philippi et Jacobi A. D.* 1663, with the arms of *Walpole,* impaling *argent* three pallets *gules,* and a chevron over all, *or, Barkham.*

In the chancel lie several marble gravestones:

Maria uxor Robti. Walpole Armiger; quam filiam habuit unicam Galfridus Burwell, Miles, de Rougham, in agro Suffolc. Annos nata ad octo et quinquaginta mortem, obt. 14 *Martii* 1711. With the arms of *Walpole,* and in an escotheon of prentence;—*or,* a chevron *ermin,* between three burdock leaves proper, *Burwell.—Robertus Walpole Armig; filius natu maximus. Edw. militis Balnei et Susannæ, hic sepultus est decimo octavo die Nov. A°. Dni.* 1700, *Ætat. suæ Quinquagesimo. Ex decem quos genuit filiis, superfuerunt Robertus, Horatio, Galfridus; ex filiabus septem, Maria, Dorothea et Susanna.*—With the arms of *Walpole* and *Burwell.*

H. I. Horatio Walpole Armig; filius natu minor Edv. Walpole, Balnei militis, qui obt. Quinquagenarius, 17 *Oct. A. D.* 1717, with *Walpole* impaling, quarterly, *ermine* and *azure,* a cross *or, Osborn*

Hic situs est Edv. Walpole, Balnei Miles, Robi. Walpole, armig. filius, qui Susannam, Robti. Crane, Baronetti de Chilton, in agro Suff. filiam connubio sibi junxit, major quadraginta quinq. annos, 18 *die Martii,* 1667, *morte piâ illustravit.*

Cætera si quæras narrabit fama superstes.

Walpole, and in an escotheon of pretence,—*argent,* a fess between three cross croslets fitchée, *gules, Crane.*

Domina Susanna a latere Edv. Walpole, Balnei Militis, hic conditur, quæ, obt. 7, *Julii Ao. Dom.* 1667, *Ætat.* 35.

The church was a rectory, the ancient valor 15 *marks.* In the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury find that *Harvey Belet* (of whom see in *Rudham*) gave it to *Coxford* priory; *Hervey* lived in the reign of King *John,* and gave them also lands, or a manor here, which belonged to that of *Rudham;* and in 1428, the prior was taxed for his temporalities in rent, land, and a mill, at 65*s.* 3*d.*

The rectory was appropriated to the aforesaid priory, with 30 acres, and a vicarage was settled, the present valor of which is 5*l.*

The priory of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe, valued at 36*s per annum*, and an agreement was made between the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, and that of *Coxford*, whereby the prior of *Castleacre* let to farm, to the prior of *Coxford*, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Baldwin de Rosey*, and *William de Kailli*, here, at the aforesaid rent;[6] *William Rufus* of *Northampton*, quitclaimed to the monks of *Castleacre* all his tenement, which he held of them, late *John de Cailli's*, which he held of them, on their paying him 18 *marks:*—*witness, Herebert*, prior of St. *Edmund*.

In 1612, the pension of 36s. was paid to the Earl of *Northampton*.

William, the third Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, before the year 1146, confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre*, the tithe of *Wachelin de Rosei*, granted by him; and *Baldwin de Rosei* confirmed the grant of his ancestors, by an agreement made before *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich; Adam*, the prior, and the convent, let for ever, to the prior and convent of *Cokesford*, two parts of the tithes of the demeans, of *Baldwin de Rosey*, of *Hugh*, son of *Richard*, and *William de Kaylly*, in this village, for 36s. *per annum*, who all appear by this to have had estates in the same. *John*, the first Bishop of *Norwich*, confirmed the grant of *Rosey*.

VICARS.

1311, *Ralph de Fuldone* instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Coxford*, and nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.
1311, *Henry de Swafham. Ditto.*
1345, *Stephen Attewood. Ditto.*
1355, *Richard Smith. Ditto.*
1361, *Thomas Lyvet. Ditto.*
1397, *John Cok*, by the prior and convent.
1422, *Hugh Wynhous*, by the Bishop and convent.
1462, *Richard Reymer*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
Robert Bradfield.
1483, *Richard Randolf*, by the prior, &c.
1502, *John Wilkinson*, by the Bishop and convent.
1511, *John Smith.*
1517, *John Mathew*, prior of *Cokesford*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1522, *John Heyde*, by the prior and convent.
1554, *William Lyon*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.
John Head.
1565, *Edmund Denny. Ditto.*
1568, *Richard Brasell. Ditto.*
1578, *Nicholas Baldwyn*, by *William Dix*, and *William Cantrell*, Esq.
1581, *Vincent Man. Ditto.*
1714, *Robert Betts*, on the cession of *Thomas Carter*, by *Robert Walpole*, Esq.
1723 *Francis Clerk*, by the King.
1724, *George Jacomb*, by *Robert Walpole*, Esq.
1731, *Thomas Deresley* by Sir *Robert Walpole*.

[6] Reg. Castleac. fol. 127, and p. 36.

KETTLESTON.

HAUVILE'S, OR POMFRET'S MANOR.

CALLED *Ketestuna*, and *Kettlestuna*, in *Domesday Book*. *Kat*, or *Cat*, is the name of a river, or water, thus *Catwick* in *Yorkshire*, *Catworth* in *Huntingdonshire*, &c. and *Catter*, or *Catre*, a river in *Rutlandshire*.

Part of this town was a beruite to the King's manor of *Fakenham*, at the survey, and held by King *Herold*, before the conquest, who had one carucate of land, with 3 bordarers, and a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, &c. and was valued in *Fakenham*.[7]

This was granted to *Ralph de Hauvile* by King *Henry* II. to be held of the Crown, by *petit serjeanty*, the keeping the King's falcons, together with *Dunton*, as may be there seen at large.

By the account of *Richard de Rodney* eschaetor, on this side of *Trent*, in the 15th of *Edward* II. *Thomas de Havile* had sold to *Thomas de Mileham* and *Beatrix* his wife, 15 messuages and tofts, one mill, 156 acres of land, 5 of meadow, and 25*s*, rent in this town *Snoring*, *Parva*, and *Dunton*, which were seized on by the said eschaetor. After this it was possessed by Sir *Robert Knollys*, and was settled on his hospital, or college, at *Pomfret*; and in the 3d of *Henry* V. *John Stedman*, &c. as master of that house, was seized of a moiety of this town, anciently royal demean, and no part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and the bailiffs of the hundred of *Gallow* and *Brothercross* having distrained for rent, as parcel of the said dutchy, on an inquisition taken at *Walsingham*, before *Henry de Nottingham*, the King's feodary, in this county, it was found that they had no right to demand 4*s*. *per annum* of this manor of *Haviles*, and that no lord of the hundreds aforesaid had a right to the same, the same manor being held in capite, by the service of keeping one gerfalcon, without paying any other service to the King, as Duke of *Lancaster*, or lord of the hundreds.

After the dissolution of the aforesaid hospital it was granted, *May* 17, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. to Sir *William Farmor*, and Sir *Richard Fulmerstone*, and Sir *William* died seized of it, in 1558; on whose death *Catherine*, his lady, possessed it, and brought it by marriage to *Nicholas Mynne*, Esq. and by an indenture dated *October* 1, in 21st of *Elizabeth*, it appears that *Nicholas Mynne*, Esq. held this lordship of *Pomfrets*, with that of *Rochford*, lying in this town, *Snoring Parva*, and *Clipston*, paying 100 comb of barley rent.

Sir *William Drury* was lord in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, and aliened it with the Queen's license, to *Thomas Taverner*, who by his will dated *April* 10, 44th of the said Queen, grants the manor of *Pomfrets* to his wife *Mary*, for life, and dying *June* 11, in the said year, was found

[7] Adhuc i. beruita Katestuna de i. car. tre. sep. iii. bor. et i. car. ii. ac. pti. et viii. ov. apptiata e. su. pius.

to hold it in capite, by the 100th part of a fee; and the manor of *Rochford*, by fealty of the manor of *Hindringham*; and *Robert* was his son and heir, aged 31, who dying *September* 5, 1612, left by *Anne*, his wife, a daughter and sole heir, *Mary*, being married to *Francis Shouldham*, Esq, son and heir of *William Schuldham*, Esq. who died *April*, 1655, aged 84, whose immediate heir and descendent, *Robert Schouldham*, M. D.[8] is the present lord, in 1764.

Francis Shouldham, Gent. died April 4, 1655, buried at Kettleston. — Mary, daughter and heir of Robert Taverner, of Kettleston.

First wife, Catherine, daughter of John Thurston, of Hoxon, in Suffolk, Esq. — Nathan Shouldham, Esq. counsellor at law, of Fulmodeston. — 2d, Dorothy, daughter of Robert Keddington, of Hockham.

Robert Shouldham, M. D. born Ao. 1653. — Catherine, daughter of ——— Brady of Norwich.

Francis abovementioned was son of *William Shouldham*, Esq. and brother to *Humphry Shouldham*, Esq. the sons of *John Shouldham*, Esq. lord of *Marham* and *Shouldham*, which *John* died in 1551, and *Humphry* died lord in 1566; this *William* married *Dorothy*, daughter of *John Smith* of *Blackmore* in *Essex*, Esq.

ROCHFORD'S MANOR.

Part of this town belonged to the Earl *Warren's* lordship of *East-Barsham*, held by *Toke*, the *Saxon* lord; there were 8 socmen in this town, 2 in *Snaring Parva*, and 4 in *Clipston*, belonging to it, who had half a carucate of land, and was measured in *Barsham*; also 3 carucates, and two acres of meadow, a church, with 8 acres, valued at 40s. afterwards 3*l*. and paid 10s. gelt.[9]

The family *De Hyndryngham* had anciently an interest herein: *Ralph* and *William de Havile* confirmed by deed, *sans date*, to *William*, son of *Hamon de Hyndryngham*, all the rent which they were to receive of their tenants in *Ketteleston*, with the homages, services, &c. —Witnesses, Sir *Guy de Rocheford*, &c. *James*, son of *Richard Osborn* of *Clipston*, confirmed to the said *Hamon*, his lord, 10*d*. rent here; and *John Coury*, and *Helewisia* his wife, daughter and heir of *Hamon de Kaldewelle*, released to *William*, son of *Hamon de Hindryngham* by deed, *sans date*, several rents issuing out of several lands, with several villains; afterwards it was possessed by the *Rochfords*; and in the 28th of *Edward* III. Sir *Saier de Rochford* conveyed it to *Ralph de Rochford*, his son, and *Maud* his wife; from whom it came to the *Welbys*, &c. as may be seen in *Rochford* manor in *East-Barsham*. Sir *William Farmer* died possessed of it in the 1st of *Elizabeth*,

[8] In the Register of Fulmodeston, Robert Shouldam, son of Nath. Shouldam, Esq. and Catherine his wife, was born Jan. 1653, and Catherine, wife of Nath. Shouldham, Esq. died April 4, 1655, and buried at Kettleston.

[9] In Snaringes, ii. soc. et in Clipestuna iiii. et in Kettlestuna viii. et hnt. dim. car. tre. tc. iii. car. p. null. modo. iii. ii. ac. pti. i. ecclia. viii. ac. tc. val. xl. sol. modo iii. lib. et hec terra reddit. xii d. de gelto, mensurata est superius, idem tenet.

and his lady *Catherine* brought it to *Mynns*, and so came to *Taverner* and *Shouldham*, as is above shown, being united to the manor of *Havile's* or *Pomfret's*.

The lordship of *Fulmodeston* extended into this town, and was held by the *Grancourts*. *Thomas de Grancourt*, in the 25th of *Edward* I. by his deed dated there, on Sunday next after the feast of St. *Michael*, confirmed to *Hubert* Bishop of *Keteleston*, lands here, with liberty to dig 3000 turfs, *per ann.* in *Clipston* moor, and common of pasture for as many beasts as belong to his tenement, at 12*d. per ann.*

It went with the lordship of *Fulmodeston*, and was in the Crown, on the death of *Henry Stafford* Duke of *Bucks*, in the reign of *Richard* III.

The tenths, with that of *Clipstone*, were 3*l.* 5*s.*—Deducted 10*s.*

The temporalities of *Fakenham-dam* priory were 6*d.*

The lete fee to the lord of the hundred was 10*d.*

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*, a rectory, valued formerly at 21 marks, present valor 10*l.* and in the patronage of the Crown.

The priory of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithes, valued at 2 marks *per ann.*

In the 29th of *Edward* I. *William Attechirche* conveyed by fine to *Thomas de Grancourt*, and *Agnes* his wife, several messuages, 260 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 50 of pasture, 8 of wood, and 6*s.* rent, with the advowson of this church.

In the church, a grave-stone:

In memory of Francis Schuldham, son and heir of William Schuldham, Esq. who died April —, 1655, aged 84.

The present lord of this town is *Robert Shouldham*, M. D. son and heir of *Robert Shouldham*, by his wife, daughter and heir of ——— *Brady* of *Norfolk*, who is single, and has a sister married to ——— *Edgar*, of *Watlington*, Gent. another to Mr. *Walter Rolf*, rector of *North Pickenham*, and a third to Mr. *Prithero*, rector of *East-Barsham*.

Walter de Grancourt was patron in the reign of *Edward* I. when the rector had a manse, and 10 acres of land, valued, with the portion formerly *Omers*, at 21 marks; the prior of *Castleacre's* portion of tithe was valued at 2 marks. *Peter*-pence 12*d.*

John de Arderne was rector. See in *Fulmodeston*.

1360, *John de Bolyngton*, presented by *William de Bohun*, Earl of *Northampton*.

1386, *William de Oxeburgh*, by *John de Waltham*, agent for that Earl.

1363, *James Cole*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Gloucester*.

1501, *Thomas Makhayt*, by *Edmund* Bishop of *Exeter*, *Thomas* Earl of *Worcester*, *Thomas Stanley*, clerk, &c.

1512, *Robert Andrew*, by *William Bourchier*, Knt.

1544, *William Osgodby*, by the King.

1574, *Robert Waryng*, by the assignees of the Queen.

1721, *John Brathwait*, by the King.—Here was the gild of St. *Erasmus*.

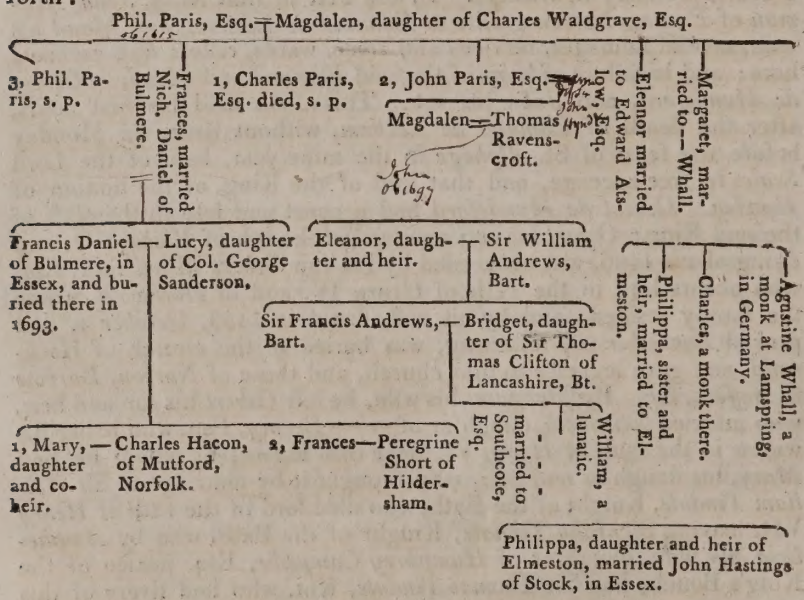
NORTON, OR PUDDING-NORTON,

WAS an hamlet or beruite, at the survey, belonging to the King's manor of *Fakenham*, containing half a carucate of land, and a bordarer, and half a carucate, and half an acre of meadow, &c. There were also 7 socmen who held a carucate, and 20 acres; it was 3 furlongs long, and 2 and an half broad, and paid 6*d.* half-penny gelt; and here was a church endowed then with 8 acres, that were valued at 6*d. per ann.*[1]

Edmund de Lexham, son of *John de Lexham*, was lord in the 6th of *Edward* I. and in the 26th of the said King, *John de Lexham*, as lord, held a court baron, had free bull and boar, and the assise of bread and beer; *Edmund de Lexham* was his son, and held a court *Ao.* 7th, 15th, and 20th of *Edward* II. and *Edmund* appears to have a lete in the 5th of *Edward* III. *Edmund de Lexham*, and *Matilda* his wife, were living in the 7th of *Edward* II. and 21st of *Edward* III. In the 2d of *Edward* II. *Ralph de Docking* had 13 messuages, 15 acres of land, one of meadow, 2 of pasture, and 6 marks rent here, in *Testerton* and *Tofts*, settled on him by the said *Edmund* and *Maud*; and in the 9th of *Edward* III. *John de Patesley*, and *Henry de Pagrave* held a court, probably as trustees. In the 21st of that King, *John Neuman* of *Puding-Norton* grants to *Edmund de Lexham*, and *Maud* his wife, several homages, services and rents, wards, reliefs and eschaets here; and in failure of heirs of the said *Edmund* and *Maud*, to *Osbert de Mundeford*, and *John* his son. This *John* held his first court, after the death of *Edmund de Lexham*, without issue, on Monday before the feast of St. *Alphage* in the same year, held of the Lord *Scales* in free soccage, and that lord of the King, of the honour of *Hawley*. *Osbert de Mundeford* had a court and lete in the 46th of the said King; *Osbert* his son was lord in the 8th of *Richard* II. and dying about 1496, was succeeded by his son *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq. who occurs lord in the 12th of *Henry* IV. and of *Hockwold*, where the family resided; and by his will, dated in 1456, *October* 4, and proved *December* 20, following, was buried in the church of *Hockwold*, and gave legacies to that church, and those of *Norton*, *Barrow* in *Suffolk*, &c. By *Margaret* his wife, he left *Osbert* his son and heir, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of —— *Berney*, Esq. who being his widow in the 39th of *Henry* VI. held this manor, by whom he had *Mary*, his daughter and heir, who brought it by marriage to Sir *William Tindale*, Knight of the Bath, who died lord in the 12th of *Henry* VII. leaving Sir *John Tindale*, Knight of the Bath, who by *Amphelicia* his wife, daughter of *Humphrey Canynsbe*, Esq. justice of the King's Bench, had Sir *Thomas Tindale*, Knt. who had livery of this

[1] Tre. Regis. Hund. de Brodercross. —In Nortuna i. beruita jacet ad Facenham, dim. car. tre. sep. i. bor. et dim. car. d. ac. pti. sep. i. r. et i. por. et vii. soc. de xx. ac. et i. car. et hab. iii. qr. in long. et ii. et d. in lat. et vi d. et obolu. in gelt.——In Nortuna ecclia. viii. acr. et vi. d.

manor in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. and afterwards sold it (as it seems) to *Richard Benson*, Esq. in the 13th of *Elizabeth*, there being several law-suits between Sir *Thomas Tindale*, *John* and *Henry Tindale*, &c. concerning this lordship, then in the possession of *Richard Benson*: Sir *Thomas*, with his lady and sons, released on the 10th of *June* all their right to the said *Richard* for 100*l.* by whom it was sold, then valued at 100*l. per ann.* to *Ferdinando Paris*, Esq. of *Little Linton* in *Cambridgeshire*, in the 18th of the said reign, eldest son of Sir *Philip Paris*, (one of King *Henry* the Eighth's chief visitors of the abbies, &c. at the Dissolution,) by *Margaret* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Bowes*, Esq. citizen and mercer of *London*: *Ferdinand*, by *Frances* his wife, daughter of *Thomas More* of *Whaddon* in *Cambridgeshire*, had *Philip Paris*, Esq. his son and heir, who by *Magdalen* his wife, daughter of *Charles Waldgrave*, Esq. of *Staningfeld* in *Norfolk*, left at his death, *September* 20, *Ao.* 13th of *James* I. several daughters; *Frances*, married to *Francis Dame*, Esq.; *Eleanor* to *Edward Atslow*, Esq. of *Downham* in *Essex*, son of *Edward*, a famous physician, &c.; and two sons; *Charles Paris*, the eldest, married *Mary*, daughter of Sir *John Gates*, but died without issue in the 15th of King *Charles* II. and was succeeded in his estate here by his brother, *John Paris*, Esq. who took to wife *Ann*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Cocket*, Esq. of *Brunsthorp* in *Norfolk*, (by whom he had issue,[2] a daughter and heir,) and afterwards was the wife of Sir *Joseph Coulston*, M. D. She held it in jointure, and on her death, about 1698, this lordship came to the descendants of the sisters and coheirs of *Charles* and *John Paris*, Esq. aforesaid, as this pedigree sets forth:



[2] Magdalen, daughter and heir of John Paris, Esq. married Thomas Ravenscroft of London, Gent. by whom she had John Ravenscroft, Esq. who died at Rome unmarried, October 9, 1697. The will of Sir Joseph Colston is dated February 2, 1673. Charles Paris, Esq. settled his estate, in default of issue male, on his sisters and their heirs.

Sir *Francis Andrews*, one of the coheirs, purchasing the rights of *Mary*, wife of *Charles Hacon*, of *Frances*, wife of *Peregrine Short*, and of *Philippa*, the wife of *John Hastings*, became lord of this manor, and lived there in the year 1700. Sir *Francis* descends from *Thomas Andrews*, Esq. who was high sheriff of *Northamptonshire* in 1587, and attended at the execution of *Mary* Queen of *Scots*, at *Fotheringay*. He was succeeded by *Robert Andrews*, Esq. of *Harleston*, in the said county, who, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William Gent*, Esq. was father of Sir *William Andrews* of *Denton* in *Northamptonshire*, created Bart. *December* 11, 1641; who by *Catherine* his lady, daughter of *John Flamstede* of *Denton*, had two sons; Sir *John*, the eldest, dying without issue, was succeeded by his brother, Sir *William*,[3] who (by *Eleanor*, daughter of *Edward Atslow*, Esq. of *Downham-Hall* in *Essex*, and his wife *Eleanor*, daughter and coheir of *Philip Paris*, Esq.) left at his death, *August* 15, 1684, Sir *Francis Andrews*, Bart. who by his lady *Bridget*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Clifton* of *Latham* in *Lancashire*, had a son, *William*, a lunatic, and a daughter, *Bridget*, married to *Philip Southcote*, Esq. of *Weybridge* in *Surry*, a younger son of Sir *Edward Southcote* of *Witham* in *Essex*, who was the late lord, Sir *Francis* having resigned it to him. This lordship is said to be held in free soccage of the King's manor of *Fakenham*, by the payment of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

HEMPTON-PRIORY MANOR,

Extended into this town; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior held in *Norton*, and in *Tofts*, 2 marks rent *per ann.* purchased of *William de Helveton* by *William de Waterden;* the Lord *Bardolf* held it of the Earl *Warren*, who held it in *capite.* In 1428 the temporalities were valued at 22*s.* 4*d. q.* and after the Dissolution King *Henry* VIII. granted it, *September* 9, in his 37th year, to Sir *William Fermer*, and *Thomas Fermour*, Esq. his nephew, sold it to *Richard Benson*, Esq. from whom it came to the *Paris's*, &c. and was united to the capital manor abovementioned.

Here was also another lordship. *Margaret*, widow of *Lambert* of *Pudding-Norton*, in her widowhood, granted and confirmed to *Henry*, son of *Lambert* of *Pudding-Norton*, all her right in lands, meadows, pastures, homages, reliefs, with part of a foldcourse, &c. paying to her for life 2 quarters of barley, and after her decease to the chief lord of the fee, Sir *Wydo de Ferreris*, and to *Elizabeth* his wife, 3*s.* 10*d. ob.* and to the Earl *Warren* all his hundred court at *Gallowe*, 3*d.* —Witnesses, Sir *Roger de St. Martin*, *John de Lechesham.*

It is to observed, that this is the first time that I meet with the additional, or adjunct name of *Pudding*, from its dirty site, most likely; thus *Puddington* in *Devonshire*, *Pudlemore* in *Somersetshire*, or from some little stream of water.

In the 24th of *Edward* III. *Thomas Berte* of *Wadeton*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, confirmed to *Hamon de Wodenorton*, and *Joan* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, all the lands, tenements, and foldcourse, in *Puding-Norton*, which was the part or share that came to *Elizabeth* on the death of *Hugh de Greston*, her brother, with her part of

[3] The will of Sir John is dated in 1651.

the rents, services, &c. of the free tenants in *Puding-Norton, Colkirk, Testerton, Oxwyk,* and *Wyssingset:*—Witnesses, *Osbert de Mundeford,* lord of *Norton,* &c.

In the 5th of *Henry* V. it appears that there were 2 manors, called *Newhall* and *Pekhall,* and the site of *Newhall* was by the church. *Henry Fermer* bought, in the 4th of *Henry* III. a manor here of *John Brigham,* which in the next year he conveyed to *William Shaa* of this town; and in the 29th of that King, *John Perne* quit-claimed to *Oliver Reynes* of *Burnham Ulp* all his right of this manor, purchased by *Oliver* of *William Shaa,* of *Richard Banyard* in the said year; *Richard Ward,* executor to *Thomas Perne* of this town, sold it, *Ao.* 11th of *Henry* III. to *Banyard,* who had married *Agnes,* the widow of *Thomas Perne.*

Michael Lamming had also a lordship, and paid suit of court every three weeks to the prior of *Hempton;* also every three weeks to the court of *Fakenham,* paying 2*s.* 9*d. per ann.* also suit of court to the hundred, and pays 2*d.*—*Henry Lamming* of *Norton,* in the 18th of *Elizabeth,* conveyed all his right in lands, messuages, and services, late his father's, *William Lamming,* to *Richard Benson;* and so this came also to the *Paris's,* &c. and to Sir *Francis,* and to *Southcote,* who was lord of the whole village, and is now in his widow.

The tenths were 1*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 4*d.*

A patent was granted, *April* 11, *Ao.* 4th *Edward* VI. to *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich,* and his successours, of the manors of *Peterston* and *Norton,* with land, called *Dovehouse Close,* in *Norton,* lately belonging to *Walsingham* priory. It is now a depopulated village, only a hall, or manor-house, with a farm-house remaining.

The Church, which is now in ruins, was dedicated to St. *Margaret,* and there was her guild here; nothing now remains standing but part of a small four-square tower, and is a rectory valued at 6*l.*—The ancient valor was 15 marks. *Peter*-pence 10*d. ob.*

RECTORS.

Reymond was rector in the 24th of *Edward* I.

1310, *Roger de Ductone,* presented by *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester,* by grant of the King.

1316, *Henry Hale,* by *David de Strathbolgy,* Earl of *Athol.*

1343, *William de Walcote,* by *Isabel* Queen of *England.*

1347, *William de Watton. Ditto.*

1348, *John de Creyk. Ditto.*

1355, *John de Harpele. Ditto.*

1387, *Phil. Stanton,* by the King.

1387, *John Drew. Ditto.*

1389, *William de Slotheby. Ditto.*

1415, *Henry Kays. Ditto.*

1418, *Edmund Knyvet. Ditto.*

1421, *Walter Barker. Ditto.*

1425, *John Brodewyn. Ditto.*

1439, *William Welford. Ditto.*

In 1460, *William Wode* occurs rector.
1465, *William Cory*. *Ditto*.
1489, *Andrew Wylliamson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1596, *Robert Lawe*, by *William Conynsby*, serjeant at law, as guardian to the heir or Sir *William Tindale*,
Richard Ward occurs rector 1518.
1537, *Robert Reder*, by *William Fermor*, Esq. on a grant from *John Tindale, hac vice*.
1549, *John Whight*, by Sir *William Fermor*, Knt.
1554, *Richard Stapleton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1575, *Richard Russell*. *Ditto*.
1576, *John Dalton*, by the assignees of *Ferdin Paris*, Esq.
William Toll.
1603, *Robert Allison*, by *William Keynolds*.
1624, *Nath, Clarkson*, by *Charles Paris*, Esq.
1661, *William Carter*, by *Mary Paris*, widow.
1671, *Roger Bayly*, *Ditto*.
1702, *Timothy Caryan* held it by sequestration.
1711, *Thomas Jessop*, by *Franc. Westhorp*.
1737, *Henry Roberts*, by *Charles Cooper Morley*, Esq.
1744, *Michael Bridges*. *Ditto*.
Here were St. *Margaret's* gild, the lights of St. *Margaret* and St. *Mary*.

PENCETHORPE

TAKES its name from its site, a thorp, or village, by a river or water, called *Pen;* thus *Penne* in *Bucks*, *Penneston* in *Yorkshire*, &c. In *Domesday Book* it is wrote *Penestorpa*, and was then the lordship of *Rainold*, son of *Ivo; Scula* being deprived of it on the conquest; and *Ranulf* held it under *Rainald*, the capital lord. Here were 2 carucates of land, 13 bordarers, and 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, &c. 3 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. 240 sheep, 4 skeps of bees, valued at 40*s. per ann.* it was 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt.[4]

Who this *Rainald Fitz-Ivo* was, does not appear; he was, no doubt, a *Norman*, and had many lordships granted to him by the Conqueror, all which came into the family of the Earls of *Clare*, probably on the marriage of *Rohais* to *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*,[5] one of the daughters of *Walter Giffard*, sister and coheir to *Walter* her brother, Earl of *Buckingham; Walter* the son dying possessed of it in the reign of *Henry* II.

[4] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis, H. de Galgou. —— Penestorpa ten. Scula, T. R. E. ii. car. tre. mo. tenet Ran. sep. xiii. bor. et ii. ser. sep. in dnio. ii. car. mo. i. silv. xii. por. iii. ac. pti. i. i. mol. tc. i. r. mo. simil. sep. iiii. an. tc. xx. por. mo. LX. sep. cc. et XL. ov. mo. iiii. vas. apu. tc. val. XL. sol. mo. similit. et hab. iiii. qr. in long. et. iii. in lat. et vid. in gelto.

[5] Richard Fitz-Gilbert, ancestor to Earls of Clare, Hertford, and Gloucester.

Ranulf, who was enfeoffed of this manor by *Fitz-Ivo*, seems to be the ancestor of the family of *De Penesthorp*. *Simon de Penegisthorp* was lord in the reign of *Richard* I. son of Sir *Richard de Penegisthorp*; and *Simon* was lord in the 18th of *Henry* III. Soon after this, *Richard Fitz-Simon* was found to hold one fee in this town of the Earl of *Glouces-ter*; and in the 41st of that King, *Simon Fitz-Richard* was sued by the prior of *Coxford*, for levying a market in *Penesthorp*, to the injury of the prior's market in East *Rudham*; and in the said year, *Simon* was found to have raised the dam of his pool, to the damage of mea-dows in *Ryburgh*. In the following year, *Simon* agrees and covenants by fine, with *John*, prior of *Coxford*, that he will not hold his mercate on *Tuesday*, or *Thursday*, without his consent, for which the prior re-ceived him and his heirs as benefactors.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Simon Fitz-Richard* was found to have the assize of bread and beer, free warren, and a gallows; and in the 15th of that King, the jury present, that he claimed a fair in this manor, on the feast of St. *Margaret*; and *Thomas de Holt* of *Fakenham* was, in the 25th of the said reign, sued by him for entering into his manor, or free warren, taking and carrying away his hares, rabbits, and par-tridges, without license.

Simon Fitz-Richard, in the 8th of *Edward* II. was found to hold 12 fees, and the fourth part of a fee, in *Dunmow*, *Finchingfielde Lacheley* and *Bolmer* in *Essex*; in *Pencethorp*, *Cley*, *Threxton*, *Buke-ton*, *Stivekey*, *West Winche*, *Clenchwarton*, *Wigenhale* and *Fordham*, in *Norfolk*; and in the 21st of *Edward* III. *Richard Fitz-Simon* grant-ed this lordship and advowson to *John de Ufford*, with that of *Lether-ingham* in *Suffolk*, and the advowson of that priory: he was son of *Simon*, by *Nicholaa* his wife, one of the daughters or Sir *William de Bovill*, Knt. and this was in trust.[6]

In 1351, Sir *Hamon de Felton* presented to the rectory of this church, as lord.

JOHN SPOO was lord after this, in right, as I take it, of *Nicholaa*, daughter and heir of *Richard Fitz-Simon*; who in the 13th of *Rich-ard* II. with *Nicholaa*, his wife, conveyed it by fine, quit of the heirs of *Nicholaa*, with the manor of *Bawsey*, to Sir *Robert Carbonnell*, Knt. *John Spoo* was also lord of *Wood-Norton* and *Gestwick*.

In the 21st of the said King, Sir *Richard Carbonnel*, as appears by the eschaet rolls, was found to hold it with *Margaret* his wife, and *John* was his son and heir, aged 14.[7] Sir *Richard Carbonnel*, by his will dated *November* 4, 1429, settled it in order to pay his debts; and *Thomas Brigge*, Esq, of *Salle*, lord of this town and *Wood-Dalling*, by his will dated *May* 6, in 1444, and proved *May* 29, following, died possessed of it.

JOHN HEYDON, of *Baconsthorp*, Esq. seems to be soon after seized of it, and died lord in 1480: to him the prior of *Walsingham* released the rent of 12*d. per ann.* out of this manor, granted to that convent by *Simon Fitz-Richard*: in this family it continued many years. *Tho mas Heydon*, Esq. a younger son of Sir *John Heydon*, was lord in 1572; in the 29th of of *Elizabeth*, *William Haydon*, had a *præcipe* to deliver it to Sir *John Cotton*, Knt. and in the 38d of that Queen, *Tho-mas Croft*, Esq. had one, to render it to *Edmund Stubble*, Esq.

[6] See in Bawsey, of which he was also lord.

[7] Reg. Surflete, Norw. pt. 2. fol. 66.

By an inquisition taken at St. *Edmund's Bury, September* 10 in the 3d of *James* I. *Edward Sulyard*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *John Sulyard*, was found to die, *May* 10, last past lord of this manor and of *Wetherden, Stratford-hall, Hawley*, with the park, &c. in *Suffolk*, and left by *Frances* his wife, relict of Sir———*Babthorpe*, Sir *John Sulyard*, his son and heir, aged 30, married to *Philipa*, daughter of *Ralph Sheldon*, Esq.

In the 5th of *James* I. *Dorothy Moor*, widow, had a *præcipe* to deliver it to *Thomas Corbet*, Esq.; and by an inquisition taken at *Norwich, May* 29, in the 5th of *Charles* I. *Francis Houghton* was found to die seized of it, held of the honour of *Clare*, and *Robert* was his son and heir, aged 3 years.

In 1720, *Anthony Hamond*, Esq. of *Wooton*, was lord, and in that family it remains; *Richard Hamond*, Esq. his son and heir, possessed it.

The lete fee to the lord of the hundred was 12*d.*

Sir *Simon Fitz-Richard* was patron of this rectory in *Edward* the First's reign, when the rector had edifices here, and 30 acres of land, and was valued at 15 *marks*. *Peter*-pence 12*d.*

RECTORS.

In 1278, *Thomas* occurs rector.
1320, *Jeff. Fitz-Richard de Oxewyk* by *Sim. Fitz-Richard.*
1349, *John Coveyn*, by Sir *John de Ufford.*
1351, *Thomas Blower*, by Sir *Hamond de Felton.*
1380, *John Chamberlayn*, by *John de Rysing.*
1383, *Nicholas Rees*, by *Robert*, son of Sir *Robert Morley.*
1390, *Alan Cochon*, by Sir *Robert Carbonnel.*
1390, Mr. *Henry Ake. Ditto,*
1397, *George Smith*, by *John de Wisbech.*
1398, *Nicholas Walter. Ditto.*
1391, *Jeff. Bryd. Ditto.*
1401, *William de Wardeboys. Ditto.*
1403, *Hugh Myngge*, by *John Spoo*, &c.
1727, *George Jacomb*, on the death of *John Scot*, by *Anthony Hamond*, Esq. (There was no church here in 1633.)
1731, *Thomas Deresley. Ditto.*

RAINEHAM,

Or *Reineham*, as it is wrote in the book of Domesday; takes its name from being seated near a running stream of water, or river; *Rye* and *Rey*, signifying as much in the *Saxon* tongue; thus we find a town in *Essex*, in the hundred of *Chafferd, Rainham*, on a river near its falling into the *Thames*; and thus *Braintre*, in *Essex*, occurs in *Domesday* by the name of *Raine*, being by a river. Thus the river *Rhine*, and *Reineburgh*, a city in *Germany*, on that river.

At the grand survey, it is placed in the hundred of *Brothercross*, but at this time (and for several centuries past) is accounted as a part of the hundred of *Gallow*; and great part of this town was then one of the lordships which the Conqueror bestowed on *Hugh de Montfort*, one of his *Norman* chiefs and barons. *Bond*, a noble *Saxon* thane of great possessions, held it in the Confessor's time, together with lordships in *Bodney*, *Langford*, *Stanford*, *Marham*, *Islington*, *Middleton*, *Bilney*, *West Geyton*, *Gately*, *Bodham*, &c. of all which he was deprived at the conquest, and succeeded therein by *Hugh*.

It consisted of two carucates of land, held by 4 villains, 14 bordarers, and 4 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and one amongst the men, paunage for 120 swine, 6 acres of meadow, 2 mills, a saltpit, &c. and 100 sheep, 2 bees-skeps, and 14 socmen held half a carucate of land, and 15 bordarers had a carucate and an half, with 7 acres of meadow.[8] This was what belonged to that part of the town now called *East Rainham*, and made up that parish, or lordship, as I take it, called now *Rainham-Magna*.

South *Rainham* was then a beruite, that is, a less manor, and depending on this; wherein the aforesaid lord had a carucate of land, 5 bordarers, and 2 servi, one carucate in demean, one amongst the men, &c. 5 acres of meadow, one mill, &c. and in *Helgeton (Helloughton)* one socman belonged to this manor, with half a carucate of land, and 8 bordarers, with one carucate and 2 acres of meadow, valued in *Bond's* time at 8*l. per ann.* afterwards at 60*s.* but at the survey at 8*l.* 10*s.* to be paid under a great penalty. All South *Reineham* was 6 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 10*d.* to the gelt.

This lordship, held by *Hugh de Montfort*, was afterwards divided, and held by two different families, the *Inglethorps*, and the *Scales*.

INGLETHORP'S MANOR

Takes its name from its lords, who appear from ancient records to be seized of it in the reign of King *John* and *Henry* III. a family of great eminency in the county of *Norfolk*: the founder, and first that we meet with of it, is *Robert de Ingaldesthorp*, as he is called in the pedigree of the *Sharnburns* of *Sharnburn*, in *Norfolk*, published in Sir *Henry Spelman's* works, but in the register of the priory of *Windham*, is called *Robert de Snetesham*, who lived in the reign of King *Stephen*, and being enfeoffed in a manor at *Snetesham*, and in one at *Ingaldesthorpe*, wrote himself sometimes *de Snetesham*, and sometimes *de Ingaldesthorpe*; at this time, it was the custom for lords of manors to assume their names from the towns they held, according to the

[8] Tre. Hugo. de Monteforti.——H. deBrodercros.——In Reineham, ten. Bond, T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. iiii. vill. et xiiii. bor. et iiii. ser. et in dnio. ii. car. et hou. i. car. silva ad cxx. por. vi. ac. pti. ii. mol. i. salin. sep. iii. r. et iiii. an. et vi. por. et c. ov. tc. ii. vas. apu. et xiiii. soc. dimid. car. tre. et xv. bor. sep. i. car. et dim. vii. ac. pti.——Huic maner. i. beruita Sutreincham de i. car tre tc. v. bor. m°. iiii. et ii. ser. sep. in dnio. i. car. tc. houm. i car. m°. d. v. ac. pti. i. mol. tc iii. r. sep. vi. por.——In Halgetuna i. soc. de dim. car. tre. tc. viii. bor. m°. xii. sep. i. car. ii. ac. pti. tc. val. viii. lib. et p. lx. s. m° viii. lib. et x. sol. cum magna pena. et tota Soutreinaham, hab. vi. qr. in long. et iii. in lat. et x. in gelt.——*Lib. Domesday*.

Norman practice, so was it also (as I find by ancient evidences) the usual practice of those who held more than one lordship, to vary and change their names, as they thought proper, to show their different fees and tenures, and to pleasure their capital lords, as in the case of this *Robert;* which has been cause of confusion in ascertaining ancient pedigrees.

Alan de Ingaldesthorp, or *Yggulvesthorp,* (as he is wrote,) was the son of *Robert,* and married ———, a daughter of *Jeffrey de Sharneborne,* by *Etheldreda* his wife, daughter of *Robert de Dersingham;*[9] in a grant of the prior of *Lewes* to him of the lordship of *Kenwick,* in *Tilney,* in the reign of *Richard* I. he is also called *Alan de Snetesham;* and *Donatus,* prior of *Windam,* granted to this *Alan,* son of *Robert de Snetesham,* 5 acres of the demeans of that priory in *Snetesham,* and six acres there, which *Cecily de Verlj* gave to that house, with one acre, which the said *Alan* purchased of the fee of *Roger de Paveley;* all which *Alan* was to have for ever, paying 28*d. per ann.* to the priory, by deed *sans date;* and in the reign of *Henry* II. *Richard,* son of *William Thomas, John* and *Geffrey de Ingaldesthorp* were witnesses to a deed of *Alan de Ingaldesthorp,* son of *Robert de Snetesham,* of lands given by him to the priory of *Castleacre.* In 1203, *Philip de Mortimer,* prior, and the convent of *Acre,* grants by deed to *Geffrey,* son of *Alan de Ingaldesthorp,* and his heirs, all their land at *Otringheith,* with the appertenances, paying 17*s.* for all services.

Sir Thomas de Ingaldesthorp was son and heir of *Alan,* and is termed in old records the *Red:* he is mentioned in the Pipe Rolls of the 8th year of King *John,* and in the 3d of *Henry* III. and was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk,* in or about the 8th or 9th of that King; as was *Hubert de Ingaldesthorp,* in the 5th of the said King; the aforesaid *Thomas* had a suit with *Peter de Clay,* about the right of presentation to the church of *Santon,* in *Norfolk:* this Sir *Thomas* was accessary in a murder in the 9th year of King *John,* as may be seen in *Inglethorp.*

About this time, as I take it, or rather sooner, this family had an interest in, and seems to be seized of, this lordship.——*Richard,* son of *William de Ingaldesthorp,* by the advice and consent of *Maud* his wife, granted by deed *sans date,* to the priory of *Normansbergh,* in *Reineham,* two pieces of marsh land, one lying in *Branches* furlong, between the marsh of *Thomas,* son of *Richard,* son of *William,* and the marsh of *Jeff de Reinham,* and the homage, and service of *William,* son of *Ralph de Gateley,* for the tenement which he held of him, with the appurtenances, with one capon *per ann. Witnesses, Alan* son of *John, Jeff. de Reinham, Bartholomew,* son of *William, John Poor,* &c.[1] It is probable this *Richard* might marry one of the daughters and coheirs of *Jeffrey de Lisewis,*[2] or of his son *William. William de Lisewise* (of whom I shall afterwards treat) was the founder of the priory of *Normansbergh,* the name of his wife, and that of his

[9] Reg. Windham. Reg. Castleacre, p. 35, 109.

[1] See in Norman's priory.

[2] A proof that the estates of Lisewise came to Ingaldesthorp, in this manor, is by their being patrons of the priory of Crab-house, in Wigenhale, St. Mary Magd. which was founded by William de Lisewise: Sir Edmund de Ingaldesthorp, the last heir male of that family, died seized of it, 1456.

son *Geffrey's*, was *Maud;* the *Lisewises*, father and son, appear to have held this manor, with that of *Gateley, Islington, Clenchwarton*, &c. under *Hugh de Montfort*, the moieties of all which came about this time to the *Ingaldesthorps*, and the *Scales*, who (as I conclude) might marry another sister and coheir. *Richard* grants this at the request of *Maud* his wife, who might have an affection for the abovementioned priory, as founded by her relations; and *Richard*, probably, dying without issue, left it to *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, Knt. (son of Sir *Thomas*) who by deed *sans date*, gave 27 acres of land, in *Sharnburne*, to the priory of *Windham*, as appears from the register of that house: and in the 12th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Thomas*, son of *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Robert de Scales*, querents, and *Robert*, prior of *Acra*, (whom *Simon* prior of *Normansbergh*, called to warrant,) of the advowson of the churches of Great and South *Reinham*, *Ilsyngton*, and a mediety of *Wigenhale St. Peter's*, before *Hugh*, abbot of St. *Edmund's*, *Martin de Pateshall*, archdeacon of *Norfolk*, *Stephen de Segrave*, &c. the King's justices, when the said *Thomas* and *Robert* gave to the priory of *Normansbergh*, in pure alms, 40*s.* rent *per ann.* out of the mill of South *Reinham*, with a clause, that if the mill shall fail, then to pay it out of other lands. About the same time *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Robert de Scales*, held lands and tenements in *Reinham*, *Pudding-Norton*, *Helgeton*, *Ilsyngton*, and *Gately*, in *Norfolk*, by the service of two knight's fees, and they held the same in the year 1233, when an aid was granted to the King, on the marriage of his sister Isabel, to the Emperor *Frederick*.

In 1235 a fine was levied between *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Hermerus de Bekeswell*, of one carucate of land in *Marham*, *Norfolk*, conveyed to *Hermerus*; by which it appears, that he married *Sibilla*, relict of *Peter de Bekeswell*, brother to *Hermerus*, she being called therein, "late wife of the said *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*." In 1249, Sir *Thomas Ingaldesthorp* was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk;* he seems to have married a second wife, *Isabel*, daughter of ——— *Hamon;* in 1255 she is called widow of Sir *Thomas*, and afterwards married *Roger de Well*:[3] Sir *Thomas* died (it seems) in 1251, when *Thomas* his son, was found to be of the age of 16 years.

In the pedigree of the family of the *Jernegans* Sir *Hugh Jernegan* is said to have married to his second wife, *Ela*, or *Hellen*, a daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and to quarter the arms of *Ingaldesthorp*, and might be a relation to the aforesaid Sir *Thomas*, if not his daughter.

Thomas, son (as some make him) of the abovementioned Sir *Thomas*, was also a knight, sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in 1272, and died soon after; *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* Bishop of *Rochester* was one of his sons, and Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp* was his son and heir; in 1275 he was found to hold the manor of *Reinham* in *capite* of the King, paying 20*s. per ann.* to *Dover* castle-ward, as appears from the rolls of the hundred of *Brothercross*, to which it then belonged. Sir *John* died in or about the year 1282, and the King's eschaetor, in 1288, accounted for the rents of the late Sir *John* before the delivery of them, to *Thomas*, his son and heir; Sir *John* had been summoned,

[3] On his death, in 1251, he was found to hold Colne of the inheritance of Isabel his wife, daughter of Hamon. *Escaet.* 36th *Hen.* III.

amongst the barons, to attend the King in the *Welsh* wars. *Reinham* manor then contained 200 acres of land, 20 of meadow, a windmill, advowson of the church of East *Reinham*, with other parcels of land there, and the rent of assise, valued at 14*l. per ann.*

About this time, also, lived Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, who married *Joan*, a daughter and coheir of *Fulk de Beaufoe*, lord of *Hockwold*, &c. in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *John*, his son and heir, and *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp*, who held a lordship in *Foulden* in the 3d of *Edward* I. and was father of *Edmund*, who married *Alice*, sister and heir of *John de la Rokeley*, son and heir of Sir *Ralph de la Rokeley* and *Joan* his wife. A quære may be made, if this Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, was not the same with him abovementioned, who died in or about 1272; it is probable that he was, and succeeded as a near relation.

On the death of Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*, in or about 1282, *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir, aged 22. In the 13th of *Edward* II. he appears to be a knight and a commissioner for the banks and sewers of *Marshland* in *Norfolk*; in the 17th of that King, was lord of *Wimbotsham*, and *Beatrix* was his wife. In 1326, the jury find that it would not be to the King's loss if he granted license to Sir *Thomas*, to enfeoff the manor of *Reinham*, which he held in *capite*, by the service of paying 2*s. per ann.* to the honour of *Haghley*, in *Suffolk*, and the rent of 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* to *Dover* castle-ward, on *John de Ingaldesthorp*, his son and heir, and *Joan* his wife, and their heirs; and before this, in the 9th of the aforesaid King, he petitions, That whereas he held the moieties of this manor, and that of *Ilsyngton*, which hardly amounted to the value of 10 marks *per ann.* by the service of the moiety of a knight's fee, only of the honour of *Hagheley*, and not of the Crown immediately, and believing that he had held them of the Crown, had ignorantly done services in *Scotland* to the King's father, and to him, desires to be exempted from them; on which the King ordered his barons of the Exchequer to search *Doomesday Book*, and other records of the Exchequer for the truth, and accordingly to discharge him, or to continue the service.[4] He died in or about 1327.

He was succeeded by his son Sir *John*, who married *Joan*, daughter of Sir *William Weyland*, and was found, on the death of his father, to be aged 33 years. He seems to have lived at *Reinham*, and the family before him, for many years. In 1330, he presented to the church of *Rainham St. Mary*, by the name of Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*, son of Sir *Thomas*, and died in 1335, leaving two sons, Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *William*.

Sir *Thomas* was aged 23 at his father's death, and died in 1337, *sans* issue, (as I take it,) leaving *William* his brother and heir, aged 21, at his death. In 1363, Sir *William de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Alianore* his wife, settled the manor of *Wilby* in *Norfolk*, on Sir *Thomas de Felton*, Knt. during the life of the said *Alianore*, who seems to be one of the daughters and coheirs of *Miles*, son of *Philip de Hastings*, lord of *Quidenham*. In 1355, *John de Herling* purchased a third part of the manor and advowson of *Quidenham*, of *William de Furneaux*, who had married one of the daughters and coheirs of the said

[4] Madox Hist. Exch. p. 445.—Lib. Remembr. Abbat. de Mark. penes Dom. Tho. Hare Bt.

Miles; in 1362, he purchased another third part of Sir *William Ingaldesthorp*, and *Alianore* his wife; and in 1371, he purchased the other third part of *Thomas Caus*, and *James de Hegham*. Sir *William* died in 1372, as appears from the eschaet rolls: she survived him many years, and lived and died in the abbey and nunnery of *Marham*, but as a pensioner, and not as a nun professed, as I am apt to think. Amongst the mortuaries received by that convent after the year 1401, and about the year 1407, (in which year she is said to have died) I find this:—*Received for the lady Alianore's mortuary, late wife of Sir William Ingaldesthorp, a mantle furr'd with grey:* and she was buried in the said abbey, which had this privilege of receiving mortuaries, (granted by the Pope,) from all who died in the convent, or in the precincts of it. Sir *William*, as heir to his brother, paid 100*s*. relief to this manor, and that of *Ilsington*, 1341.

Beatrix occurs widow of Sir *Thomas* in 1346, and held *Ingaldesthorp's* manor in *Snetesham*.

Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp* was son and heir of Sir *William*, and the lady *Alianore*, aged 11 years, in 1372, and proved his age in the 7th of *Richard* II. He married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *John de Burgh*, of *Burgh-Green*, in *Cambridgeshire*, and sister and coheir of Sir *Thomas de Burgh*, her brother; in 1403, was one of the executors of Sir *William de Elmham*, Knt. and presented the said year to the church of *Westhorp* in *Suffolk*.[5] His will is dated on *Thursday* after *All-Saints*, in 1419; names *Elizabeth* his wife, Sir *John Colvile*, Sir *William Assenhall*, Knts. and *William Allington*, Esq. his executors, and was proved *July* 8, 1420.[6] He gave legacies to the churches of *Reinham*, *Tilney*, *Emreth*, *Ingaldesthorp*, and *Snetesham*, in *Norfolk;* to *Swaffham-Bulbeck*, *Burgh*, &c. in *Cambridgeshire*, and 20*l*. to the chantry of *Bergh;* of all which manors he was possessed, with that of *Frenge* in *Norfolk*, and *Somerton* in *Suffolk*, and was buried, according to his desire, in the chancel of *Bergh* in *Cambridgeshire;* where, on the north side, he has a stately monument, with the statue of himself (and lady) in complete armour. I have seen a note of *Le Neve's*, Norroy at Arms, where he says:—"About his neck is a collar, "though more like a garter, with the buckle just pendant in the top "of his forehead, somewhat above, or at least his hair coming down "upon his forehead, above the garter."—This is an odd description of *Le Neve's*, and seems rather to be a chaplet, as was usual in that age. This will of *Elizabeth*, his lady, is dated on *Thursday* before the feast of St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr, (dated at *Swaffham-Bulbeck*, in *Cambridgeshire*,) 1421, proved *February* 12th following; she appoints Sir *Walter De la Pole*, Sir *John Colvile*, Sir *William Assenhall*, Knts. *Thomas Ingaldesthorp*, *Henry Nottingham*, Esqrs. and *John Green*, her executors; bequeaths to *Thomas*, her son, a bed of white and red; to *Alianore*, her daughter, a black mantle; to *Margaret Ingaldesthorp* a testour; to the lady *Margaret Zouch*, her sister, a gold chain; *Dame Joan Assenhall*, wife of Sir *William*, was also her sister: she was buried by her husband at *Bergh*.

Thomas Ingaldesthorp was aged 19 at the death of his father Sir *John;* the custody, or wardship of him was granted to his mother. He married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *Walter De la Pole*,

[5] Escheator for Norfolk and Suffolk, in the 3d of Henry V.

[6] Regist. Perch in Cur. Prerog. Lond. Regist. March. ditto.

lord of *Sauston*, in *Cambridgeshire*, of *Meldreth* and *Trumpington*, nephew of *Michael De la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*. This *Thomas* died under age, in the 10th of *Henry* V. or 1st of *Henry* VI. His will bears date, *January* 14th, in the said year, wherein he orders all his goods to be disposed of by Sir *Robert Clifton*, and Sir *Thomas Lovel*, Knts. and *Thomas Sorrel*, Esq. his executors, and was proved *May* 22, 1422, and buried in the church of *Burgh*. *Margaret*, his widow, had in the said year the King's license to remarry, and also an assignment of dower, and died soon after in 1426, seized of the 3d part of this manor, and of *Ingaldesthorp* in *Snetesham*, and *Bellasis* in *Emneth*, &c. leaving *Edmund* her son and heir, aged 5 years; she had also her thirds in certain manors in *Yorkshire;* she brought a great inheritance into this family, as heiress to *De la Pole*, *Bradston*, lord of *Winterburne*, &c. On an inquisition taken at *Berking* in *Essex*, *July* 19th, 1433, it was found that Sir *Walter De la Pole* died on *Friday* after the feast of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, last past, possessed of the manor of *Alvethley*, or *Aveley*, in *Essex*, with the manors of *Sauston* and *Derneford* in *Cambridgeshire*, &c. and *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* was found to be his heir, who married *Joan*, second daughter of *John Tiptoft* Lord *Powis*, and sister to *John* Earl of *Worcester*.

The will of Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* is dated *August* 4th, 1456; he names *Joan* his wife, Sir *John Prisot*, Knt. chief justice of the Common Pleas, *Laurence Cheyney*, Esq. and *Thomas Lockton*, his executors; gives to his wife the manors of *Kenwick* in *Tilney*, and of *Frenge* in *Norfolk*, *Burgh*, *Meldreth*, and *Alvitheley*, for life; after to *Isabel* his daughter, and for default of her issue, to *John* Earl of *Worcester*, Lord *Tiptoft* and *Powis;* and in default of her issue, to be sold, to pray for the souls of Sir *John Ingaldesthorp*, *Thomas Ingaldesthorp*, his own, and that of Sir *Walter De la Pole*. He died seized of this manor, that of *Frenge*, *Wimbotsham*, *Clenchwarton*, *Sauston*, the patronage of the priory of *Crabhouse*, *Dernford*, *Bergh*, *Trumpington*, *Swaffham-Bulbeck*, the patronage of St. *Mary*, *Somerset*, *London*, &c. and an annuity of 500 marks *per ann.* payable out of the Exchequer at *Easter* and St. *Michael*, which was granted by King *Edward* III. to *Thomas de Bradston*, his ancestor, lord of *Winterbourne* in *Gloucestershire*, in 1338, the heiress of that family, *Elizabeth*, being married to Sir *Walter De la Pole*.

He was buried in the midst of the chancel of *Burgh*, where a sumptuous monument was erected to his memory, with his portraiture in brass, and in armour; his head (without an helmet) resting on a bull's head, couped, in a coronet, (his crest, as I take it,) the inscription is, for the most part, broke off, and seems to have been in rude rhyming verse, according to the taste of the age:

——— *Uxorem Comitis de Wyrceter ipse sororem,*
Anno milleno quater X. C. X *quoq; seno:*
Ecce dies bina Septembris quando anima
Militis hujus erat ----------.

By this it appears, that he died on the 2d of *September* 1456. In 1460, Sir *John Prisot*, one of his executors, had license, dated *December* 5, *Ao.* 39th *Henry* VI. to found a chantry in the church of

Burgh, for the said Sir *Edmund*, Sir *Thomas* his father, and Sir *John* his grandfather, Sir *John de Burgh*, and *Catherine* his wife.

The lady *Joan*, his relict, married *Thomas Grey*, younger son of *John* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, and brother to *Edward Grey*, the first Earl of *Kent:* this *Thomas* was created Lord *Grey* of *Rugemont* in *Bedfordshire;* and on the death of *Edward Tiptoft* Earl of *Worcester*, who died a minor, in the 3d year of *Richard* III. she, with her two sisters, *Philippa*, who married *Thomas* Lord *Roos* of *Hamlake*, and *Joyce*, who married *Edmund*, eldest son of *John* Lord *Dudley*, were found to be his aunts and coheirs; and dying on the 21st of *June*, 1494, was seized of the manors of *Berklow* in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Horkesley* in *Essex*, &c,

Isabel, only daughter and heiress of Sir *Edmund Ingaldesthorp* and *Joan* his wife, was aged 15 on the death of her father: she married *John Nevill*, created Marquis *Montacute*, (and Knight of the Garter, second son of *Richard* Earl of *Salisbury*, and brother to *Richard*, the great Earl of *Warwick*,) and afterwards on the attainder of the Earl of *Northumberland*, had that honour also conferred on him by King *Edward* IV. which last title he was obliged soon after to resign, the attainder aforesaid being taken off.—This Marquis having raised 6000 men, and marching with them to join (as was pretended) the aforesaid King, when he was come near to the place where the King was, declared to his soldiers,—"How he had been ill treated by him, in the "case of the earldom of *Northumberland;* and that the King, in "creating him Marquis *Montacute*, had (as *Stow* in his Annals ex- "presses it) given him a *pie's nest* to maintain it withall; therefore he "would leave to serve him, and take part with the Earl of *Warwick*, his "brother." Upon this the King, who was then at *Nottingham*, fled to *Lynn*, and thence beyond sea; and returning soon after, this Marquis, with his brother, the Earl of *Warwick*, were killed in the battle at *Barnet*, *April* 14th 1471, fighting against King *Edward* IV. *Stow* says, "He had privily agreed with the King, and had gotten on his "livery; but one of his brother's (the Earl of *Warwick's*) men espy- "this, fell upon him, and killed him."——*Hall*, in his Chronicle, observes, "That King *Edward* was not so jocund, nor so joyous, for the "destruction of the Earl of *Warwick*, but was more sorrowful and "dolorous for the death of the Marquiss, whom both he knew, and it "appeared to others, to be inwardly his faithful friend, and for whose "sake only he caused both their bodies to be, among their ancestors, "solemnly buried at the priory of *Bisham* in *Berkshire*."

The Lady *Isabel* afterwards married Sir *William Norris* of *Ricot* in *Oxfordshire*, who, in 1479, presented to *Raynham* St. *Mary's* church, in right of his late wife. By the Marquis, she had 2 sons and 5 daughters; *John*, the youngest son, died a minor, and was buried in 1480 at *Sauston* in *Cambridgeshire*; *George*, the eldest, was created Duke of *Bedford* by King *Edward* IV. *Ao.* 33, and on the 4th of *December* 1471, his mother had a grant from the King of the custody and government of him, then a minor: she died in 1475, and was buried in the priory of *Bisham*, where a tomb was ordered to be made for her; and the Marquis, by the will of *Elizabeth* Lady *Scroop*, one of her daughters, in the 4th of *Henry* VIII. leaving 20*l.* for the same. The Duke, her son, was degraded in 1477, in the 17th of the said King, by act of parliament, for want of maintenance (as was pretended) to support

so great honours, which might be justly said, for we are to observe, that before this, on *February* 23d, in the 14th of the same reign, he had been also deprived of an immense estate that he was heir to, partly from the Earl of *Warwick*, his uncle, and his father the Marquis, and which was then given to *Richard* Duke of *Gloucester*, the King's brother. This unfortunate nobleman died in the year 1485, at *Sheriff's Houton* in *Yorkshire, sans* issue; and his five sisters and coheirs were; *Ann*, who married Sir *Will. Stoner* of *Oxfordshire; Elizabeth*, who married, 1st, *Thomas* Lord *Scroop* of *Upsal* and *Massam*, and 2dly, Sir *Henry Wentworth*, of *Nettlestead* in *Suffolk; Margaret* who married, first, Sir *John Mortimer* of *Essex*, 2dly, *Charles Brandan* Duke of *Suffolk*, from whom she was divorced;[7] *Lucy*, married to Sir *Thomas Fitz-Williams* of *Aldwark* in *Yorkshire*, and afterwards to Sir *Anthony Brown*; and *Isabella*,[8] married to Sir *William Huddleston*.—Upon a division of the estate of the *Ingaldesthorps*, &c. which, was not till in or about the 11th of *Henry* VII. on the death of *Joan* their grandmother, this manor of *Rainham*, with that of *Wimbotsham* in *Norfolk*, *Sauston*, &c. in *Cambridgeshire*, came to *Isabella* aforesaid, who is said to have been relict of the Lord *Dacres*, before her marriage with *Huddleston*, and after the death of *Huddleston*, to have married *William Smith*, a third husband; and died *November* 12, in the 9th of *Henry* VIII. seized of this manor of *Rainham*, with the advowson of the church of St. *Mary*, *Wimbotsham* manor and advowson with the manor of *Snetesham* in *Norfolk*, the manors of *Sauston*, *Dernford*, with *Berklow* manor and advowson, in *Cambridgeshire*, &c. and *John Huddleston* was her son and heir, aged 20, as appears from an inquisition taken at *Cambridge*, *August* 8th, in the 9th of the said King.

Sir *John Huddleston*, her son and heir by Sir *William*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Edward Sutton* Lord *Dudley*; and by an inquisition taken at *Norwich April* 30, in the 28th of *Henry* VII. it appears that he died seized of the manor of *Ingaldesthorp* in *Reinham*, had view of frank pledge, the advowson of the church of St. *Mary*, held of the King, *in capite*, by the fourth part of a fee: (he died at *Sauston*, some years before this, on *October* 6, in the 23d of the said King) and *John* was his son and heir, aged 14 years; he was afterwards a knight, and in 1543, sold this manor to Sir *Roger Townsend*, Knt. who had the King's license for that purpose.

This Sir *John Huddlestone* descended from the ancient family of *Millum-Castle*, in *Cumberland*, and bore for his arms, *gules*, fretty, *argent*; and, in right of his grandmother, the lady *Isabella*, who brought this lordship into the family, he quartered these arms, *gules*, a saltire *argent*, and a file of three points, of the 2d, and *azure*, *Gobone-Nevill* Marquis *Montacute*. *Argent*, three fusils in fess *gules*, *Montacute* Earl of *Salisbury*. *Or*, an eagle displayed, *vert*, *Monthermer* Earl of *Gloucester*. *England* in a bordure *argent*, *Holland* Earl of *Kent*. *Argent*, a saltier ingrailed *gules*, *Tiptoft* Earl of *Worcester* *Gules*, a cross ingrailed, *argent*, *Ingaldesthorp*. *Argent*, on a canton, *gules*, a rose, *or*, *Bradston*. *Or*, a lion rampant, *gules*, *Charleton*

[7] She is also said to have married Robert Horne, afterwards.

[8] Sir William Huddleston appears to be her husband in 1486.

Lord *Powis*. *Azure*, a fess between three leopards faces, *or*, *De La Pole*. *Argent*, on a fess indented *sable*, three bezants, *Burgh*

This lordship thus being conveyed into the family of *Townsend*, wherein it remains at this present time, 1764, it will be proper in this place to treat of the same from ancient records, and authentick evidences.

It is undoubtedly a family of great antiquity in this county: *Collins*, in his history of the peerage,[9] says, that *Lodowic*, or *Lewis*, a *Norman*, surnamed *Townsend*, soon after the conquest, married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Haywell*, (rather *Havile*,) and was succeeded by Sir *Walter de Townsend*, who took to wife *Maud*, daughter of Sir *Roger Scogan*, Knt.—But this will appear to be a great mistake. The family is wrote in old deeds, &c. *Ad Exitum Villæ*.—*William ad Exitum Villæ*, that is *Townsend*, or *Tunnesend*, held considerable lands of the prior of *Norwich's* lordship in *Taverham*, in the reign of King *John*.—*Stephen*, son of *Walter Atte Townsend*, lived in the reign of *Henry* III. and, with *Agnes* his wife, purchased by fine of *William de Denver*, lord of *Denver*, and *Maud* his wife, a messuage and lands, in *Downham*; and about the same time lived *Thomas Atte Townsend*, of *West Herling*, possessed of a valuable estate, &c. and sealed then with a chevron, between three escallops, the arms of the family at this day.[1]

Thomas, son of *William Atte Townsend*, of *Snoring Magna*, lived in the said town, settled all his estates in that town, *Snoring Parva*, *Thorpland*, and *Barsham*, in *Norfolk*, on *John* his son and heir, by deed dated *July* 11, 1377, wherein he mentions *Roger* his brother. *John*, son of *John* aforesaid, was living at *Snoring Magna* in 1378 and 1396; he added much to the family estate, and held part of a fee in *Rainham Magna* and *Parva*, of *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March*, of the honour of *Clare*, in 1398, and was the first of the family that settled at *Rainham*, or had an interest therein.

About the year 1400, Sir *Walter de Townsend* was living, son of Sir *Lodowick de Townsend*, whom *Collins* places at the head of this family, and says, that he married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heiress of *Thomas Havile*, and to have lived soon after the conquest: that *Collins* is mistaken, in respect of the time that Sir *Lodowick* lived in appears from this proof; Sir *Walter* aforesaid married *Maud*, daughter of Sir *Roger Scogan*, Knt. by whom he had a son *Roger*.

Roger, son of Sir *Walter*, took to wife *Catherine*, daughter of *John Atterton*, Esq. of *Sussex*, and was father of Sir *Thomas Townsend*, whose wife *Agnes* was daughter of *William Pain*, Gent.

This Sir *Thomas* was buried in the choir of *White-Friars* church in *Fleet*-street, *London*;[2] and on the first of *April*, 1421, letters of administration were granted to *Agnes*, relict of Sir *Thomas Townsend*, and *Roger Townsend*, of *Rainham*, (son, as I take it, and heir, of Sir *Thomas*,) of the goods of *Thomas Payn*, probably brother of *Agnes*, (*Collins* says *Eleanor*,) which family held a lordship in *Helloughton*, and sealed with a fess between three birds; and their estate came to the *Townsends*. The said *Roger Townsend*, Esq. was a feoffee for the

[9] Vol. iv. p. 25.

[1] MSS. Prior de Norw. penes Edw. Themilthorp, Gent. de Norwich.—E Chart. Bass. Gawdy, Bt.

[2] Stowe's Survey of London.—Regist. Hurning, Norw. fol. 10.

manor of *Welborn*, in 1444, and married *Elianor*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Gigges*, of *Rollesby*, who bore, *sable*, a frett *ermine*, and a chief checquer, *argent*, and of the second.

In 1433, he, Sir *William Oldhall*, and *John Briggs*, Esq. were feoffees of *Edmund Eshall*, for lands in *Hempton*, *Pudding-Norton*, *Tofts*, &c.

John, his son and heir, succeeded: *Joan*, his wife, was daughter and heir of Sir *Robert Lunsford* of *Rumford* in *Essex*; his will is dated in 1465, proved *January* 4th, 1466, and was buried in the middle of the body of the church of St. *Mary* in *Rainham*, before the image of the crucifix of our Lord;[3] appoints one secular priest to celebrate for his soul, and that of *Agnes* his wife, for the space of 20 years, where the body of the said *Agnes* lies; to *John*, son of *John Blakeney*, his grandson, 20 *marks*; appoints *Isabel* his wife, and *Roger Townsend* his son, executors; to *Roger* and his heirs, his manors of *Havills* and *Rouses*, in *Rainham*, lands, &c. in *Horningtoft*, called *Scarndels*, lands, &c. in *Titleshale*, called *Caldewets*, with the wood called *Grinstons*, lands in *Helloughton*, with all his lands in *Rainham* and *Willingham*, except those which he lately gave to *John Blakeney*, Esq. with his daughter *Joan*, in marriage.

Roger Townsend, Esq. son and heir of *John*, and *Joan* his wife, was entered a student of *Lincoln's-Inn*, elected a governour of that society in the first year, &c. of King *Edward* IV. and Lent reader. In 1461, the third part of the manor of *Haviles* in *Rainham*, by fine levied, was conveyed to him by *Henry Argenton*, and *Cecilia* his wife; in 1468, was a trustee for *James Arblaster*, in purchasing the lordship a *Wichingham* St. *Mary*; in 1472, a feoffee for the Countess of *Oxford's* manor of *Fersfield*, and member of parliament for *Calne*, in *Wiltshire*; and in 1476, purchased by fine of *Roger Oliver* of *London*, *Sherman*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, their interest or part in *Havile's* lordship, so that the whole was now in this family; and about the same time, a commissioner to settle the disputes between the priory and the city of *Norwich*.

In the 17th of *Edward* IV. he was called to the degree of serjeant at law; in 1480, summoned to be an assistant to the house of lords in Parliament; in the 1st of *Edward* V. King's serjeant at law; and, in the following year, was appointed a justice of the Common Pleas, King *Henry* VII. renewed his patent, and knighted him, in his chamber at *Worcester*, on *Whitsunday* before his coronation.

He married *Anne*, daughter and coheiress of Sir *William Brews* of *Stinton*-hall, in *Norfolk*, who brought him that manor, and a great inheritance in land;[4] by this lady he had 6 sons and 6 daughters;—*Roger*, *John*, *Robert*, *George*, *Thomas*, and *Gyles*;—of the daughters, —*Thomasine* was wife of Sir *Thomas Woodhouse*, of *Kimberley*, Knight of the Bath; ———, to *Anthony Castell*, of *Raveningham*, Esq. *Anne*, betrothed to *Philip Cressener*, of *Attleburgh*, Esq. *Susan*, wife of Sir *Edward Windham* of *Felbrigg*; and *Catherine*, of Sir *Henry Bedingfield*, of *Oxburgh*.

Collins says, she died *October* 31, in the 5th of *Henry* VII.; the will of the judge is dated *August* 14, *Ao.* 8th of *Henry* VII. in which

[3] Regist. Jekky, fol. 89. Reg. Lincoln, Norw. p. 55.

[4] Collins's Peerage, vol. iii. p. 26, &c.—Regist. Vacation. Episci. Norw. p. 118.—Blomfield, Hist. Norf. vol. vi. p. 242.

year he died, *November* 9; appoints his body (if he died at *London* to be buried in the church of the *White-friars*, in *Fleet*-street, before the crucifix; but if at *Rainham*, in the chapel of St. *Catherine*, in St. *Mary's* church; and makes *Eleanor*, his wife, sole executrix and guardian, to *Roger* his eldest son. *Eleanore* survived the judge; her will is dated, *November* 9, 1499, and proved *October* 8, 1500. She orders her body to be buried by the high altar, before our Blessed Lady, in the chancel of *Rainham* St. *Mary*, and a new tomb to be made for her husband's and her bones; upon which tomb to be cunningly graven a sepulchre for *Easter*-day, if a chapel be not made at her decease; and if a chapel be made, then she would be buried in the same, and her husband's bones to be had home into the same chapel, and the tomb to be made there: names Sir *Robert Clere*, Knt. her executor.

Blomfield says, that Lady *Anne* (first wife of the judge) did not die till in the year 1551; if so, she survived the judge about 60 years: but it appears that the judge had a second wife *Eleanore*, who died in 1500, as aforesaid. I am inclined to think that the judge died at *London*, and was not buried at *Rainham*.

ROGER, eldest son of the judge, was bred to the law, and, among other gentlemen of worth and dignity of this county, was appointed a commissioner by act of parliament, for assessing, &c. a subsidy of one hundred, sixty three thousand pounds, by a poll-tax, in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. On the 20th of *June*, in the said year, Sir *William Sydney* of *Walsingham*, in *Norfolk*, to fulfil the will of the judge, his father, delivered and confirmed to him, all the lands, tenements, rents, and services of *Scroby Rivet's* manor, &c. in *Spectashale*, in *Suffolk*, which he held jointly with Sir *Roger*, the judge, *William Gourney*, Esq. &c. of the grant of *John Hoo* of *Blithburgh*, and Sir *John Heveningham*.

In the 10th of the said King, he covenanted to serve the King with 10 men at arms; was thrice sheriff of *Norfolk*; in 1525, received the honour of knighthood; (*Collins* says, it was on the King's return from *Bulloign*, *A°*. 37th of *Henry* VIII.;) was one of the masters in the Court of Requests, in 1529; and in the said year, one of the King's council, with the Bishop of *Lincoln*; and a feoffee of the manor of *Kilverston*, for the Duke of *Norfolk*, and had of the manor of *Scales*, in *Rainham*, from the king.[5]

In 1548, he purchased of Sir *John Hudleston*, the lordship of *Ingaldesthorp*, in this town, and in the following year, in commission with the Duke of *Norfolk*, the Earl of *Surrey*, and Earl of *Sussex*, Sir *Richard Southwell*, Sir *William Paston*, &c. to raise a benevolence for the King, and knight of that shire, in parliament, *A°*. 33d of the said King; and by a letter from the Duke of *Somerset*, dated at the Tower, *February* 12th *A°*. 1st of *Edward* VI. required, with the Earl of *Sussex*, Sir *William Paston*, &c. on the death of King *Henry* VIII. to take care of the peace of the said county.

His will is dated *July* 31, 1550; he desires his body to be buried in the chancel of *East Rainham* church; names *George* and *Thomas*, his brothers, executors, and Sir *Henry Bedingfield* supervisor of it; mentions his lordships, lands, &c. in *East*, *South*, and *West-Rainham*,

5 Proceedings of the Court of Request, p. 82.

Helloughton and *Barmere;* lands, &c. in *Over* and *Nether Geyst, Twyford, Wood, Norton, Bintre, Brunsthorp, Tofts, North Barsham, Shireford,* and *Saham;* the rectory of *Barwick;* lands, &c. in *Stanhow, Ryburgh Parva,* and *Oxwyk;* constitutes *Roger,* son and heir of *Richard,* son and heir of his brother *John Townsend,* Esq. his heir, and dying S. P. *November* 30, 1551, his will was proved *May* 10, 1552.

Here it may be proper to mention what *Leland* the antiquary has said, who lived in the time of King *Henry* VIII.—"The grandfather of "*Townsend* now living, (who was *John Townsend,* Esq. abovemen- "tioned, son and heir of Sir *Thomas*) was a mean man of substance; "the father of *Townsend,* now living, got about hunderith pound "of land by the yere, with much traveling yn the law.—*Townsend* "now being first by enclining to the law, and good husbandry at home "hath encreased his lande to the sum of another hunderith pound; "and this *Townsende,* now lyving, by marriage of a daughter, heir "general to *Hansard* of *Lincolnshire,* had about 300 *marks* byside, of "landes and yerely rents: he hath had fair issue by this woman, so "that his sunne and heire, shaul be a man of a 600 *markes* of londe "by the yere, yet cam not all the londes of the *Hanshards* to *Town-* "*send,* for there be yet left of the name."[6]

In answer to this, it appears from unquestionable authority and proof above, that *John Townsend,* Esq. grandfather of Sir *Roger,* then living, was not a mean man of substance; he married *Joan,* daughter and heir of Sir *Robert Lunsford,* and was son and heir of Sir *Thomas Townsend.*

He died possessed of the lordships of *Haviles* and *Rouses* in *Rainham,* and of that of *Helloughton;* considerable lands in *Horningtoft, Wellingham,* &c. married a daughter, *Joan,* to *John Blakeney,* Esq. the said *John,* on his death, appointed a secular priest to pray for him, &c. for 20 years.

The father of *Townsend* then living, who got (as he expresses it) an 100*l. per annum* with much travelling in the law, was Sir *Roger,* a person of great eminency and dignity, made judge of the Common Pleas, by King *Richard* III. and in the reign of *Henry* VII.

Sir Roger Townsend, son of this judge, (whom *Leland* says, now living,) was also a gentleman of great honour and worth, both at home, and at court, where he had considerable posts, and was one of the King's privy council, &c. as has been shown.

The judge, his father, married *Anne,* daughter and coheir of Sir *William Brews,* a very ancient family, who held by descent a great estate, and not a *Hansard;* her sister and coheir, *Thomasine,* married Sir *Thomas Hansard;* so great and suprising is the mistake that *Leland* has made relating to this family.

John Townsend, Esq. second son of the judge, lived mostly at *Brampton* in *Suffolk;* by *Eleanor* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Heydon* of *Baconsthorp,* he had *Richard,* his eldest son. This *John* died *August* 4, 1540, before his eldest brother Sir *Roger.*

Robert, the third son, married *Alice,* daughter and heir of *Robert Poppy,* Esq. of *Linconlnshire;* was serjeant at law, a knight, justice of *Chester,* steward of *Pentney* priory, had a pension on its dissolution, lord of *South*-hall in *Overe,* and *Neither-Geist,* of *Wood-Norton*

[6] Leland's Itin. p. Hearne, vol. iv. p. 12, in octavo.

Twyford, and *Foxleys*, had the rectory of *Geyst*, and advowson of the vicarage, seized also of the *Augustine* friary of *Ludlow* in *Shropshire*; died in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, leaving, *Thomas* his son and heir, (as was found by an inquisition taken at *Salop*, *August* 11, 1556,) aged 22: from him descended the *Townsends* of *Brakenash* in *Norfolk*, of *Gloucestershire*, and *Shropshire*.

GEORGE TOWNSEND, Esq. was the fourth son, and married a daughter of Sir *Richard Thurston*, sheriff of *London*, in 1516, and had a son *Gyles*; *George* was executor to his brothers, *Thomas* and *Giles*, and living in 1554.

THOMAS, the fifth son, from whom descended the families at *Testerton*, *Cranworth*, and *Wretham*.

GILES was the sixth son; to him Sir *Robert* his brother, on *December* 3d, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. then serjeant at law, granted the rectories of *Whitwell* and *Berwick*, the manor of *Geyste*, the rectory and manor of *Ryburgh Parva*, with the manor and rectory of *Helgeton* in *Norfolk*, their court-leets, in all which (except *Whitwell*) they enfeoffed their brother *Roger*.[7]

RICHARD TOWNSEND, Esq. son and heir of *John Townsend*, Esq. (second son of the judge, Sir *Roger*, and brother to Sir *Roger Townsend*, who died in 1550,) was aged 22, at his father's death, in 1540; he married *Catherine*, 3d daughter and coheir of Sir *Humphrey Brown* of *Ridley* in *Oxfordshire*, a justice of the Common Pleas; died *May* 9, 1552, his will being dated *July* 20, 1551;[8] his wife survived him, and remarried *John Roper*, Esq. of *Eltham* in *Kent*, master of the King's Bench Office. *Richard* had by her, *Elizabeth*, married to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. of *Buckenham Ferry*, and a son *Roger*, his heir, and heir to his great uncle, Sir *Roger*, appointed by his will, in 1550. This *Richard* lived also, as his father, at *Brampton*.

This *Roger*, son and heir of *Richard*, was a minor at his father's death, and proved his age in 1564: in the year 1588, we find him in the *English* fleet, in the fight against the *Spanish* Armado; and on the 26th of *July*, in the said year, was knighted by the Lord High Admiral, *Charles Howard*, at sea, with the Lord *Howards*, Lord *Sheffield*, *John Hawkins*, and *Martin Frobisher*;[9] and as the aforesaid lords had a principal command in the said fleet and engagement, so no doubt had this *Roger*, who is named next to them, and before *Hawkins* and *Frobisher*. He died at *Newington*, by *London*, *June* 30, 1590, and was buried in the church of St. *Giles*, *Cripplegate*, at *London*.[1] By *Jane* his lady, youngest daughter of Sir *Michael Stanhope* of *Shelord* in *Nottinghamshire*, (ancestor of the Earls of *Chesterfield* and *Stanhope*,) he left *John*, his eldest son, and *Robert*, created a knight 1633;[2] and married *Ann*, daughter of *William* Lord *Spencer*, who died, *s. p.* Sir *Roger's* lady surviving him, remarried *Henry* Lord *Berkeley*.

John Townsend, son and heir of Sir *Roger*, married *Ann*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Nathaniel Bacon* of *Stivekey*, or *Stukey*, in *Norfolk*; was lord of that town, of *Langham* and *Merston*; in a duel with Sir *Matthew Brown*, died of his wounds on *August* 2d, 1603, leaving

[7] Reg. Wilkins, Norw. p. 56.
[8] Regist. Lincoln. p. 305.
[9] See Stow's Chron. p. 1276.
[1] Where he purchased of Thomas Sutton, Esq. an agreable house, &c. but Rainham was his seat.
[2] In 1603, April 9th, in a bond, he writes himself of Wivenhoe, in Essex.

Roger, his eldest son, and *Stanhope*, his 2d son, who died also of his wounds, in a duel in the *Low Countries*, and unmarried. His lady survived him many years, dying *May* 20th, 1630, and was buried at *Rainham*. *Ann*, their daughter, married *John Spilman*, son and heir of Sir *Henry Spilman*. In 1591, I find *John Townsend*, Esq. of *Norfolk*, to give the senior proctor's staff to the University of *Cambridge*, of which he had been a member, in *Trinity* college; and probably was this Sir *John*, who was knighted for his valour by the Earl of *Essex* at *Cales*, in *Spain*, in 1596.

Roger, his son and heir, was a minor, aged 8 years, on his father's death, created a baronet *April* 16th, 1617; on the 20th of *May*, 1620, he had license to travel for three years, with three servants, and necessaries, but not to go to *Rome*, as appears by the council book.[3] He built the present seat of *Rainham-hall*; of this, see *Spilman*. By *Mary* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Horatio Vere* Lord *Vere* of *Tilbury*, of the noble family of the *Veres* Earls of *Oxford*, he had *Roger* and *Horace*, his two sons, and 5 daughters; *Mary*, married to *Thomas* Lord *Crew* of *Stene* in *Northamptonshire*; *Jane*, to *John Windham*, Esq. *Anne*, to *William Cartwright* of *Aynhoe*, in *Northamptonshire*; *Elizabeth*, who died single; and *Vere*, to Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart. of *Stow Bardolf*. He died *January* 1st, 163⅞, aged 41, having granted three or four of his appropriations to the church.

By an inquisition taken at *Thetford*, *June* 8th, in 1637, he was found to have died possessed of the following lordships, &c.—*Ingaldesthorp* manor, in East-*Rainham*; *Scales*, in South-*Rainham*, held of the King, *in capite*, by knight's service, of the manor or honour of *Haughley* in *Suffolk*;—*Sherborn's*, in *West-Rainham*, held of *Ingaldesthorp's* manor in soccage, and the rent of 3*s.* 4*d. per ann.* with the lordships of *Hall's*, *Mourehouse*, and *Pain's*, in *Rainham*, held as aforesaid;—*Hayvile's* manor in *West-Rainham*, held of the King, as of his castle of *Norwich*, in soccage;—*Staple's* manor in *Rainham*, held in soccage of the manor of *Haviles*, paying 2*s. per ann.*;—a capital messuage, called *Le Upper-house*, &c. in *South-Rainham*, and West-*Rainham*;—divers lands and tenements in *Normansbergh*, South *Rainham*, *Willingham*, and *Tittleshale*;—divers lands and a tenement, with 20 acres in *Rainham*, and *Helloughton*, lately belonging to *Hempton* priory, held *in capite*;—the rectories of *Helloughton*, *West-Rudham*, ——;—*Kypton* manor, held of the King, *in capite*;—messuages, lands, and tenements, in *Wesenham*, containing 107 acres, with *Fineham's* tenement; held in soccage of the manor of *Wesenham*, and paying 5*s. per ann.*—*Helloughton*, St. *Faith's* manor, and *Helloughton* manor, held of the King, *in capite*, by knight's service;—the manor of *Pattesly*;—divers lands and tenements in *Tofts*, called *Benson's*, *Odyham's*, and *Townsend's*, held in soccage;—*Stibberd* manor, held in soccage of the manor of *Fakenham*, and paying 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.*—*Paywell's* manor in *Ryborough*, held of the manor of *Sculthorpe*, in free soccage;—St. *Faith's* manor in *Ryborough Parva*;—*Stinton-hall* manor in *Salle*;—two hundred acres of land, called *Serbrigg's* park, with a wood, &c. in *Causton*, held of *Causton* manor, in free soccage; the manors of *Langham* and *Merston*; the manor of *Stewky*, alias *Stuky Tertevills*, *Irminglands* and *Carlew*, *Knights*, &c. *East-hall*, alias *East's* tenements, held of the

[3] History of Sacrilege, p. 268.

heirs of *Simon de Penthorpe*, with a moiety of the manors of *Netherne* and *Stowes*, &c. held of the King, *in capite*;—*West-Rudham*, St. *Faith's* manor;—*East-Rudham* manor, held of the King, *in capite*;—*Buckenham's* manor in *Barwick*, with the rectory of *Barwick*, held of the King, *in capite*;—*Curson's*, alias *Thoresby's* manor, held of the King in free soccage, as of the hundred of *Smithden*;—the site of the priory of *Cokesford* in *Rudham*, and divers lands and tenements, called the *Demeans* there, held of the King, *in capite*;—the manor of *East-hall*, in *Stanhow*;—*Shernborn's* manor in *Stanhow*.—*Beaufoe's* manor in South *Creak*;—a capital messuage, called *Dainsdey's*, alias *Bolter's* in North and South *Creak*;—a foldage, &c. for sheep, in *West-Rudham*, called the *Great Grounds*;—the manor of *Barmere*, and divers lands and tenements in *Barmere*, *Barwick*, and *Bagthorp*, held of the manors of *Stanhow* and *Bagthorp*, in free soccage;—the manors of *Tilbury-hall*, alias *Tilbury-Mare*, *Clare*, *Nortofts*, and *Skeys*, in *Tilbury*, *Wivenhoe*-park manor, with that of *Much-Bentley* in *Essex*, which came by the heiress of *Horace* Lord *Vere*.—The Lady *Mary*, his relict, married *Mildmay Fane* Earl of *Westmoreland*, by whom she had *Vere Fane* Earl of *Westmoreland*, and dying in 1673, was buried at *Rainham*, on the 22d of *May*.

Sir Roger Townsend, Bart. son of Sir *Roger* aforesaid, was a minor at his father's decease; and dying in his minority, was succeeded in honour and estate, by his brother, Sir *Horace*, a minor also, in ward to the King, born in 1630, created Baron *Townsend*, of *Lynn Regis*, in *Norfolk*, *April* 20th, 1661, and Viscount *Townsend* of *Rainham*, *December* 11th, 1682, was in great favour with King *Charles* II. who paid him a visit at *Rainham* in 1671; was made lord lieutenant of the county of *Norfolk*, and city of *Norwich*, in 1660. He married in 1649 *Mary*, daughter and heir of *Edward Lewknor*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *Edward Lewknor* of *Denham*, in *Suffolk*, Knt. who brought nto the family that town, and other valuable estates. She died in 1673, without issue, and was buried at *Rainham*, on *May* 22d. His second lady was *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Joseph Ashe* of *Twickenham*, in *Middlesex*, Bart. by whom he had his son and successour, *Charles*, and *Roger Townsend*, Esq. member of parliament for *Yarmouth* in *Norfolk*, who died unmarried, *May* 22d, 1709, and was buried at *Rainham*. His 3d son was *Horace*, member of parliament for *Heytesbury* in *Wiltshire*, and one of the commissioners of the Excise.

Charles Lord Viscount *Townshend* was born in 1675; King *Charles*, and the Duke of *York* were his godfathers; was a nobleman of great honour, worth, and ability, as the posts that were conferred on him testify; a governour of the Charter-house, one of the privy council, Knight of the Garter, sent ambassadour by Queen *Anne* to the States General, captain of the yeomen of the guard, a commissioner for the union, chose by King *George* I. one of the regency in his absence, principal secretary of state, appointed lord lieutenant of *Ireland*, which he declined; president of the council, and again secretary of state, in which office he continued, till he resigned it in *May* 1730; was also lord lieutenant, and custos rotulorum of the county of *Norwich*.

His first wife was *Elizabeth*, 2d daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Pelham*, by whom he had 4 sons; *Charles*, who succeeded him; *Thomas*, member of parliament for the University of *Cambridge*, one of the tellers of the Exchequer; *William*, aid-de-camp to King *George* I. member

of parliament for *Yarmouth; Roger,* member for *Yarmouth* on his brother's death, and captain of a troop of horse; *Elizabeth,* the daughter, married the Lord *Cornwallis.* By *Dorothy,* his 2d wife, daughter of *Robert Walpole,* Esq. of *Houghton,* and sister to *Robert Walpole* Earl of *Orford,* he left *George,* lieutenant of a man of war; *Augustus,* captain of an East *India* ship; *Horatio,* commissioner of the victualling-office; and ——*Edward,* rector of *Pulham* in *Norfolk,* deputy clerk of the King's closet, D. D. prebendary of *Westminster,* and dean of *Norwich.* This Lord died on *June* 21st, 1738. *Dorothy,* one of his daughters by this lady, married *Spencer Cooper,* dean of *Durham,* the other, *Mary,* married the Honourable *Edward Cornwallis,* Esq. member for *Westminster.*

Charles, his eldest son and heir, was summoned to parliament, *May* 24th, 1723, as Lord *Lynn,* in the life of his father; was gentleman of the bed-chamber to King *George* I. commissioner of trade and the plantations, master of the Jewel-office;—died at *Rainham, March* 13th, 1764. He married *Audrey,* daughter and heiress of *Edward Harrison,* Esq. Governour of Fort St. *George* in the East *Indies,* and of *Balls,* in *Hertfordshire;* by whom he had, 1, *George;* 2, *Charles,* who married the Honourable Countess of *Dalkeith,* relict of the Earl of *Dalkeith,* son and heir to the Duke of *Buccleugh,* member for *Yarmouth,* paymaster of the King's forces; 3, *Roger,* a colonel, killed at *Ticonderago,* in *America;* 4, *Edward,* died young; and *Audrey,* a daughter, unmarried.

George, the eldest son of *Charles,* the present Lord Viscount *Townshend,* being bred to arms, was colonel of the 28th regiment of foot, brigadier, and gained much honour on the taking of *Quebec,* when the command of the army came to him;[4] was after, major-general, and lieutenant-general of the ordnance, one of his Majesty's privy council; and, before his father's death, representative of the county of *Norfolk* in parliament. He married the Right Honourable Lady *Charlotte,* (only daughter and heir of the Earl of *Northampton,*) and Lady Baroness *Ferrers* of *Chartley.*

His lordship's arms are, *azure,* a chevron *ermine,* between three escallops, *argent, Townshend;* and quarters; 1st, *gules,* a chevron, between three flowers-de-lis, *or, Havile,* or *Haywell;*—2d, *argent,* a lion rampant, and crusily of cross crosslets, *gules,* crowned, *or, Brewse;* —3, *sable,* a cross ingrailed, *or, Ufford;*—4, *gules,* a cross, *argent,* in a bordure, engrailed, *or, Carbonel;*—5, *argent,* a chevron, *gules,* between three cross crosslets, fitchée, *azure, Shardelow;*—6, *gules,* a chevron, between three lions gambs, erect and erased, in a bordure, *argent, Brown;*—7, per bend, sinister, *or* and *sable,* a lion rampant, counterchanged, *Francis;*—8, quarterly, *ermine* and *gules, Stanhope;* —9, *gules,* on a chief, *argent,* two mullets, *sable, Bacon;*—10, quarterly, *gules* and *or,* in 1st quarter, a mullet, *argent, Vere;*—11, *azure,* three chevronels, *argent, Lewknor:*—crest, a buck passant, *sable,* attired, *or;* supporters, on the dexter side, a buck, *sable,* on the sinister, a greyhound, *argent.*—Motto, HÆC GENERI, INCREMENTA, FIDES.

[4] King George I. being his godfather.

SCALES-MANOR.

Another part or moiety of *Hugh de Montfort's* lordship came to the family of *Scales*, (as I conceive, and have above observed,) by the marriage of a daughter and coheir of *Lisewise;* and this family was in possession of it in the reign of King *John*, and *Henry* III. this moiety, or lordship, was that of *South Reinham*. *Robert de Scales* was son of *Roger de Scales*, and left *Maud* his widow, in the 3d of *Henry* III. she being then remarried to *William de Beauchamp*, a fine was levied between her, and this *Roger*, her son, of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land, or the lordship of *Middleton*, and certain rents, as parcel of her dower; and it is to be observed, that this lordship of *Middleton* in *Norfolk* was also one of those which the aforesaid *Hugh de Montfort* held at the survey. See there. In the 33d of *Edward* I. this manor was found to consist of one capital messuage, 120 acres of land, 14 of meadow, 17 of pasture, a water-mill, &c. in demean, and was held of the honour of *Haughley*. In the 5th of *Edward* III. it appears, that certain herbage belonged to it at *Kipton*. *Inhams*, and *South Wadhirne*, let to Sir *John de Ingaldesthorpe*, with a fishery, part let to Sir *John Ingaldesthorp*, at 12*d*. *per ann*. and part to Sir ——— *Havile*, at 12*d*. and it paid 4*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*. castle-guard to *Dover*.

In a *computus* of the bailiff of this manor, *Ao*. 5°. *Edward* III. I find wheat sold at 3*s*. 4*d*. *per* quarter, and about Lent at 8*s*. *per* quarter.—Barley at 3*s*. 4*d*.; pease at 6*s*. 8*d*.; oats at 4*s*. 6*d*.; a bushel of hemp-seed 2*s*.; six long hurdles, (claiis) 6*d*.; a scot, (bought in to fat) 6*s*. 6*d*.; for the making of 12 capons, 1*d*.; for 10 geese 2*s*.; four stone of cheese, 3*s*. 8*d*.; one bushel of salt, 4*d*.; paid for thrashing of wheat, 2*d*. *per* quarter, barley, 1*d*. *ob*.; oats, 1*d*.; pease, 3*d*.; for the fanning, or cleaning *(ventilatione)* of 9 quarters of corn, 2*d*.; for the mowing 22 acres of pasture, 9*s*. 2*d*. *per* acre, 5*d*.

Paid a carpenter for 3 days work, 10*d*.; a shepherd's, or neatherd's wages, *(bercatoris,)* for one year, 3*s*.; a carter's, 40*d*.; a swineherd's, 12*d*.; for the carriage of a swan, from this town to *Wilton*, by *Brandon*, with, &c. 2*d*.

For the farm of 21 new milch cows, and their calves, for one year, 6*l*. 6*s*. every cow valued at 6*s*. and 10 calves were excepted of the best for the lady of the manor, (Lady *Scales;*) and for the farm of 9 hens, 2*s*. 3*d*. each hen at 3*d*.

In this family of the Lord *Scales* it continued, till *Elizabeth*, the only daughter and heir of *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, the last of that ancient family,[5] brought it by marriage to *Anthony Woodvile* Earl *Rivers*, and Lord *Scales*, who being attainted, and beheaded in the reign of King *Richard* III. that King gave it, with many other lordships,[6] to his great favourite, *John Howard* Duke of *Norfolk;* but on the accession of *Henry* VII. to the crown, that Duke being attainted, it remained in the Crown till granted in 29th of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *Roger Townshend*, and so continues, being united to the other lordships in this town.

[5] See in Middleton.

[6] Granted Feb. 1, *Ao*. 2°. Ric. III.

HAVILE'S, OR HAUVIL'S MANOR.

This was the next capital manor in this town; *Ulviet* held it in the time of the Confessor, but at the survey it was in the hands of the Conqueror, and *Godric* took care of it, or farmed it of him. In King *Edward's* time, it consisted of two carucates of land, eleven bordarers, two servi, and two carucates in demean, one carucate amongst the men or tenants, paunage for ten swine, four acres of meadow, a mill, &c. and 63 sheep. *Helgetun* was a beruite to it, of half a carucate of land; and two bordarers here held half a carucate, and one servus, one mill, an acre of meadow, a fishery, and a salt-work belonged to it, &c. with 42 sheep. There belonged to this manor of *Reinham*, also, 16 socmen, who held one carucate of land, and two carucates and an half, &c. with six bordarers, paunage for four swine, and two acres of meadow. In *Helgetun*, six socmen held half a carucate of land, two bordarers, two carucates, &c. and two acres of meadow, valued in King *Edward's* time at 40*s.* at the survey at 6*l. per ann.*—*Reinham* was one leuca long, and three furlongs broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt; and *Helgeton* was four furlongs long, and three furlongs broad, and paid 10*d.* gelt.[7]

This lordship remained in the Crown many years, till King *Stephen* gave it, with the manors of *Hingham, Stow, Rackheith, Erleham*, &c. to *William de Caineto*, or *Cheyney*, in exchange for *Moleham* or *Mileham*;[8] on condition, that if he or his son should like *Moleham* better, that they might renounce it, which *Cheyney* did soon after, and so was again lodged in the Crown; and the said King granted it to the *Haviles*. In 1196, Sir *Ralph de Havile* was lord of *Erlham*, by *Norwich:* he was a younger brother of *Humphrey de Havile*,[9] *de Alta Villa*, or *Hautville*, as they styled themselves, and purchased this lordship of *Humphrey*, who probably was lord of this town. This *Ralph* hereupon changed his name to that of *De Erlham;* the river here appears by this to be called the *Hier* of *Er*.

In 1233, *Henry de Havile* was lord, and held it by grand serjeanty, as falconer to the King, and paying 40*s. per ann.* to the King, fee-farm rent.[1] He died in 1252, when the jury present, that he held this manor *in capite*, and gave it to *Thomas*, his younger son, *Ralph* and *Henry* being his two elder sons. This *Thomas*, and others, disseized *John*, son of *Matthew*, of his free tenement in *Reynham Magna*, in the 41st of King *Henry* III. At this time it appears, that the *Haviles*

[7] H. de Brodercross. Terre Regis qua. Godric. servat,—Reineham qua. ten. Ulviet, T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. xi. bor. et ii. ser. tnc. ii. car. et p. et mo. i. tnc. houm. i. car. et p. d. et mo. simil. Silva ad x. por. iiii. ac. pti. i. mol. sep. i. r. et iii. an. et xiiii. por. et LXIII. ov. et i. beruita Helgetuna de dim. car. tre. sep. ii. bor. et dim. car. et i. ser. et i. mol. i. ac. pti. i. pisc. et i. salin. et i. r. et ii. animal. et XLII. ov. Jacent in hoc. man. xvi. soc. de i. car. tre. tnc. ii. car. et d. et p. ii. mo. ii. et vi. bor. Silva ad iiii. por. et ii. ac. pti. et in Helgetuna vi. soc. de dim. car. tre. sep. ii. bor. tnc. ii. car. p. d. mo. i. ii. ac. pti. tnc. val. XL. sol. mo. vi. lib. et Reinham ht. i. leu. in long. et iii. quar. in lat. et xx. d. in gelt. et Helgetuna ht. iiii. quar. in lon. et iii. lat. x. d. in gelt. —*Lib. Domesd.*

[8] Madox Formul. Anglic. p. 154.

[9] Of this family, see in Dunton.

[1] Lovell's Book of the Exchequer.—Claus. 37. Hen. III. Plita. Coron. 41. Hen. III.

were a spreading family, and several of them had interests in this town. *Alan*, son of *John de Havile*, and *Margery*, lived at this time; he was uncle to *John*, and *Elias de Havile*, and brother to *William*, who had several sons; *John*, *Roger*, *Ralph*, *Richard*, and *Geffrey*. In the 14th of *Edward* I. there was a suit among these, to enquire if the aforesaid *Alan*, uncle of *Elias de Hauvill*, died seized in demean, and in fee of one messuage, 44 acres of land, two acres and three roods of meadow, 128 acres of pasture, with 9*s*. rent *per ann.* in *Reinham*.

In 1266, *Thomas de Havile* died seized of this manor, and that of *Dunton*, and *Kettleston*, in 1275. *Thomas* his son (as I take it) claimed the lete here, and in *Dounton*: in 1277, a fine was levied between this *Thomas* and *Henry de Havile*, by which *Thomas* conveyed to him 10*l*. rent *per ann.* in *Dunton* and *Ducton*, and 3*l*. in *Reynham* and *Kettleston*, with divers lands in *Lincolnshire*, released to *Henry*, together with a tenement, late *Henry de Haviles*, (grandfather of *Thomas*;) this probably was by way of trust; for in 1286, that *Thomas de Hauvile* held a certain lastage in *Lynn*, of the King, *in capite*, valued at 100*s*. *per ann.* by the service of keeping a gerfalcon for the King;[2] and in 1296, *Thomas de Hauvile* gave 40*s*. relief to the King, for his lands, tenements, &c. in *Reynham*, *Helgeton*, *Tofts*, *Oxwyke*, *Patesley*, *Norton*, *Gateley*, *Horningtoft*, and *Stanfield*, held *in capite*, by paying 40*s*. *per ann.* castle-guard to *Norwich*.

In 1301, *Thomas de Havile* impleaded *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* and about 60 others, of *Reynham*, for pulling down a pillory newly erected by him for the execution of justice, &c. *Ingaldesthorp* pleads, that he, and *Robert de Scales*, were lords also of the said town, and had view of frankpledge, &c. therein, and that *Havile* held only a third manor or part in this town, and that *Havile* having erected the pillory on the common ground, and not on his own proper soil, they pulled it down.[3]

In the said year *Thomas de Havile* died, (and *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir,) seized of lands, tenements, rents, &c. here, held in *capite*, paying 40*s*. *per ann.* blanch-farm to *Norwich* castle, the whole then valued at 6*l*. 4*s*. 9*d*. *per ann.* This *Thomas* paid to the King 40*s*. relief in 1306, for this manor, and held also the lordships of *Tofts*, *Oxwyk*, *Pattesley*, *Norton*, *Gately*, *Horningtoft*, and *Stanfield*. In 1316, *Thomas*, son of *Thomas de Hauvill*, held by his father's enfeoffment, the manors of *Dunton* and *Reynham*, with the advowson of the church of *Reynham* St. *Margaret*, paying for *Dunton* 18*s*. *per ann.* (as it was then found,) and keeping the King's gerfalcon, at the King's costs, and paying 40*s*. *per ann.* (as above) into the sheriff of *Norfolk*'s hands: and in the said year, he gave to the priory of *Miremound* the patronage of the aforesaid church, with one acre of land. In 1318, this manor was settled by *John de Havill*, and *Joan* his wife, on themselves, by fine; by this it appears, that this lordship was about this time divided; for in the year 1329, *Maud*, late wife of *Thomas de Hauvill*, paid 10 *marks* to the King, for license to keep to herself and her heirs, the manors of *Reynham* and *Dunton*;[4] and before this, in 1326, it was found that it would not be to the loss of the King if he

[2] Plita. Coron.——Rot. Fin. in Turrj Lond.

[3] Plita. Term. Michael. 29 et 30 Ed. I. cor. Rege.—Eschaet.

[4] Rot. Fin. in Turrj Lond.—Eschaet.

granted to *Thomas de Havile* leave to infeof, in the manors of *Reynham* and *Dunton, Maud* his wife, and his heirs, together with the advowson of the churches of *Reynham, Dunton,* and *Doketon:* the manor of *Dunton* is then said to be worth 9*l. per ann.* and that of *Reynham* 40*s.* and no more; because (as it is expressed) though it was held for a manor, yet no profit was from it but the rent of the assise.

In 1330, *James de Hauvile* gave the King 10 *marks,* for license to have a fine to grant to *Robert Tiffour* and *Maud* his wife the manors of *Reynham* and *Dunton,* and that they might regrant them to the said *James* and *Anne,* daughter of *James Wace,* and the heirs of *James* and *Anne;* and in 1345, Sir *James Havile* was lord; and in 1354, *Roger de Caston,* who was rector of *Rainham* St. *Mary,* was found to hold it, in trust, as I take it.

Soon after, this lordship of *Rainham Haviles* came into the family of the *Townsends,* by the marriage of *Elizabeth,* daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas de Haywell,* or *Havile,* Knt. to *Lewis de Townsend;* as Collins, in his Peerage, observes; but this does not appear from any records or evidences that I have met with; and if an heiress of *Havile* was married, (as is above observed,) only some part or portion of this manor came to the *Townsends,* by that marriage.

The SCOGGANS, a family of good account, were about this time possessed of the principal part of this lordship, and had their residence here; *Robert Scoggan* of *Reynham* was a witness to a deed of Sir *Thomas de la Rivere,* Knt. lord of *Sporle,* in 1361: *Thomas Scoggan,* Esq. was in the retinue of the great *Norfolk* commander, Sir *Robert Knolles,* in 1378, and attended *John* King of *Castile* and *Leon,* and Duke of *Lancaster,* in his expedition into *Spain.*[5]

JOHN SCOGGAN of *East Reynham,* clerk, was lord of *Haviles* in 1379, and manumised *Godwyn Werp* of *Pudding-Norton,* and *John* his son, his villains, as appears by this deed, —— "*Omnib; Xti. fidelib;* "*ad quos psentis. lre. pvenint. Johes. Scoggan, de Est Reynhm. saltm.* "*in dno. Novitis me manumisse et ad libum. statum redigisse Godwy-* "*num Werp, de Puddyngnorton, et Johem. fil. ejus cu. omnib; sequelis.* "*eor. tam pcreatis. quam pcreand. ita qd. nec ego pdcus. Johes. Scog-* "*gan, nec aliquis hed. meor. nec aliquis nomine meo aliqd. juris vel* "*clamej nativitatis seu villenagij in pdcis. Godewyno et Johe. fil. ejus* "*nec in eor. sequel. pcreatis. nec pcreand. here. exigere vl. vendicare* "*potim. in futuru. tn. cuj. rei testimin. psenti. scripto manumissionis* "*sigillu. meu. apposui. Dat. apud Puddynorton, primo die Maij anno* "*regni Regis Rici. scdi. post conquestu. quinto.*" The seal is of *red-wax.*—Two bendlets lozengy, —— which hereby appears to be the true arms of these *Scoggans.*

In 1391, *John Scoggan* (*capellane*) aforesaid died seized of the manor of *Haviles,* and *Henry* his brother was found to be his heir, (as is proved by the eschaet-*rolls,*) aged 30; and the said *Henry* occurs lord in 1395, and held it by the service of paying 40*s. per ann.* to *Norwich* castle, at the feasts of Easter and St. *Michael,* by equal portions: this *Henry* died seized of it in 1407, and *Robert* was his son and heir aged 19 years. This was, as I presume, that *Henry Scoggan,* famous for his wit and humour in the time of King *Henry* IV. who wrote a ballad directed (as *Stow* informs us[6]) to Prince *Henry,* the King's son, *Thomas* Duke of *Bedford,* and *Humphrey* Duke of *Glou-*

[5] Rot. Franc. Rymer, vol. i. p. 201. [6] Survey, edit. in 1720. b. 6. p. 15.

cester, at supper with the merchants of *London;* an author out of whom the said historian (as he tells us) gathered materials, and was buried in the cloisters of *Westminster* abbey. *Robert Scoggan* abovementioned was lord of *Haviles* in 1409, and *Rouses* manor in *Rainham*, with a toft called *Wards;* and in 1414, released to *Henry Maupas*, clerk, &c. all his right in all his manors, lands and tenements here and elsewhere, in *Norfolk*, which formerly belonged to *John Scoggan* his uncle, and *Henry* his father.[7]

In 1420, *William Champneys* of *Oxwyk* confirmed to *William Marchall*, Esq. of *East Reinham*, *Thomas Scoggan*, &c. several lands in *East Reinham* field, and *Oxwyk.—Witnesses, John Soper* of *East Reinham*, *John Barker* and *William Brown* of *East Reinham*, &c.

About this time lived *Walter de Townsend*, who is said to have married *Maud*, daughter of Sir *Roger Scoggan*, who probably brought with her all *Scoggan's* right in this manor; after this I find no mention made of any of that family, as lords here; but in *Edward* the Fourth's reign, lived *John Scoggan*, descended most probably from this family, a celebrated poet: *Bale* says, he was by nature a jocose and a witty man, profited so much in philosophy, and other liberal arts, that he was A. M. at *Oxford*, and was so greatly esteemed for his smart and witty expressions, that he was sent for by King *Edward* IV. to court; where, as another *Democritus*, he turned all into jokes, mirth, and laughter; published certain comedies, and a book *Ad Proceres Curiæ*, &c. Sir *Richard Baker*, also, mentions him as a learned gentleman, and a student sometime at *Oxford:*[8] from him came the proverb, *What says Scogane?*

John Townsend, Esq. who lived in the reign of *Henry* VI. was undoubtedly lord of the manor of *Haviles*, died seized of it in 1465, from which time it has remained united to that of *Ingaldesthorp*, &c.

BIGOT'S, OR SHERBOURN'S MANOR.

Roger Bigot had also at the survey a small lordship here, which one freeman held in King *Edward's* time of the fee of *Stigand*, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, consisting of one carucate of land, and *Edwin* held it under *Bigot;* there belonged to it 4 servi, with one carrucate, &c. 2 acres of meadow, valued in King *Edward's* time at 10s. at the survey at *5s. per annum;* and in *South Reinham*, one freeman held 20 acres of land, held by *Aitard*, and one bordarer, and half a carucate always belonged to it, with one acre of meadow, valued before at *5s.* now at *3s.*[9]

This *Roger Bigot* was a principal commander under King *William* I. and attended him in his expedition into *England*, and was ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, of that name; but on the marriage of his daughter *Maud*, with *William de Albiney*, the King's chief butler, ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel*, it came to the said *William* and

[7] Claus. 3. Hen. V.

[8] Bale's Script. Britan. fol. 68.—— Baker's Chron. p. 219.

[9] Terra. Rogeri Bigoti.—H. de Brodercross.—In Reineham be fedoStigand. epi. ten. i. lib. ho. dim. car. tre. mo. tenet Eadvuinus. sep. iiii. ser. tc. i. car. mo. dim. ii. ac. pti. tc. val. x. sol. mo. v. sol. In Sutreinham. i. lib. ho. de xx. ac. tre. que. tenet. Aitard. et i. bor. sep. dim. car. i. pti. tc. val. v. sol. mo. iii. sol.

seems to be held of the *Albineys*, by the ancient family of *Raineham*, who took their name from this town ; of this family was *William*, son of *Bartholomew de Reynham*, who in 1232, was summoned to make answer to the prior of *Castleacre*, in a plea of a certain debt of 69*s.* in arrear, for an annual rent of 3*s.* due to him, which *Godfrey le Pover* of *Reynham Magna*, by his deed granted to the said prior, out of a tenement of the said *Godfrey*, in the said village, called *Scorthelde-lond*, and out of a tenement which *Roger Gos* and *Thomas le Carpenter* held there, of the said *Godfrey*, and into whatever hands the said tenements should hereafter fall;[1] and the said *William*, for 23 years then last past, being possessed thereof, had detained the same: the prior on producing *Godfrey's* deed, and proving possession to be in *William*, recovered the said debt.

In 1249, *Bartholomew de Reynham* gave lands here, to *Geffrey* his son ; and about the said time, *Reginald* and *Hugh de Sprouton* were found to hold lands, and tenements here, and in *Kypton*, &c. by the service of a knight's fee, of *Robert de Tateshale*, who was one of the heirs of the Earl of *Arundel;* and in 1268, *Peter* son of *Roger de Reinham*, had lands here, conveyed to him by fine, from *Elfrid*, of *South Reynham*.

Oliva, late wife of *Thomas*, son of *Giles de Reynham* St. *Margaret*, sued Roger *de Vaux* for the third part of a messuage, 18 acres of land, 3 of meadow, and 10*s.* rent, with appertenances in that parish, for her dower ;[2] and in the said year, 1291, an assise was brought to know if *Alan*, son of *John de Reinham*, uncle of *Elias de Havile*, was seized of lands and rents in the 3 *Reinhams*, of which *Thomas*, son of *Richard de Snetterton*, *William*, son of *Bartholomew de Reinham*, *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Robert de Scales*, held parcels, (*John Fitz Richard*, brother of *Alan*, being heir to *Alan*,) before *William de Giselham*, and *H. de Cressingham*, the King's justices, at *Norwich*. And by a fine levied in 1306, it was agreed, that *Robert de Reinham* should hold certain tenements, and lands in *Reinham* St. *Margaret*, of *Richard de Gemeston*, and *Alice* his wife, by the rent of 20*d. per annum* for all services. *Edmund de Reynham*, Knt. was living in 1379.

After this I find no mention of the family of *Reinham*, in this town. In 1345, *Thomas Neel*, and *Catherine* his mother, (who probably might be of that family) were found to hold lands and tenements here, and in *Kypton*, by the service of half a fee, of the heirs of *Robert de Tateshale*, which *Hugh de Sproustone* formerly held ; and in 1407, *Henry Scoggan* held a messuage, called *Rainham-Wards*, with lands here ; and *Robert* his son, in 1409, held a messuage, formerly *Edmund de Reinham's*, &c. but the manor of *Rainham* was before this, in the family of *Sherborne*, who gave their name to it : *Henry*, son and heir of *John Sherborne*, conveyed it by fine, in 1495, to *Thomas Gygges*, and *Thomas Curson*, with the manors of *Hedenham* and *Kelling*.

In the reign of *Henry* VI. it came (as I take it) into the family of *Townsend*, Sir *John Townsend* held it in Queen *Elizabeth's* time, and was found to die seized of it in 1603 ; it being called in the inquisition *post mortem*, the manor of *Sherborn's*, in *West Rainham*, held of the manor of *Ingaldesthorp*, in soccage. and paying 3*s.* 4*d.*

[1] Regist. Castleac. fol. 55.

[2] Plita. assis. Norwic. oct. Sci. Hillar. R. 50. Rot. 6. et 7.

rent *per annum.*—and it remains united with the other manors in the said family.

THE EARL OF CLARE'S FEE.

Rainald, son of *Ivo,* had also a lordship given him by the Conqueror, which *Bond* was a lord of in the Confessor's time, and *Boteric* held it under *Rainald;* it consisted of 4 freemen, one of them was claimed by *Herold,* but *Rainald* held him, who had half a carucate of land; there always belonged to this one carucate, 3 acres of meadow, formerly valued at 10*s.* at the survey at 5*s. per annum*; the sheriff laid claim to *Herold's* man, as belonging to the lordship of *Fakenham,* and the hundred witnessed that it did belong to it.[3]

In 1176, *Pope Alexander* III. by his bull, confirmed to *John* Bishop of *Norwich,* the lands which *William Fitz Buteri,* gave to him in *West Rainham;*[4] and in the reign of *Henry* III. when an aid was granted on the marriage of that King's sister to the Emperor, the heirs of *William Boteri* were found to hold half a fee, in *Reinham Parva,* of the honour of *Clare.*

William de Brunne was found, in 1314, to hold in this town, *Wyveton, Snyterle, Cley Wichingham, Stiveky,* and *Grimstone,* lands of the aforesaid honour; and in 1345, the tenants of the fee of *Gloucester* held one quarter of a fee here, of the Earl of *Gloucester;* and in 1398, *John Atte Townsend* was found to hold it of *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March;* and in the family of *Townsend* it appears to be, in the years 1424 and 1459, and remains so at this time, being united to the other lordships.

Besides these lordships which were at the time of the conquest, there were also some other little ones, or free tenements, which arose afterwards out of these principal ones; *viz. Hall's, Pain's* and *Morehouse,* found on the death of Sir *Roger Townsend,* Bart. to be held of the manor of *Ingaldesthorp; Staple's* manor in *Rainham,* held of the manor of *Paviles,* by soccage, and paying 2*s. per annum.*

Here was also the manor of *Rouse's:* in 1357, *Richard Gallows* of *East Reinham* confirmed lands to *Roger Barker,* at *Talbots,* in the said town, by the lands of *John Champneys,* and *John Rouses;* to which *John le Rous, Robert Scogan,* &c. were witnesses. In 1407, it was possessed by *Henry Scogan;* and in 1409, *Robert Scogan* enfeoffed certain persons in the manors of *Rouses,* and *Haviles,* and afterwards came to the *Townsends,* together with *Haviles;* and *John Townsend,* Esq. died seized of them in 1465.

The township of *East Rainham* was taxed for tenths, &c. at 6*l. per annum* deducting 20*s.* remained payable 5*l.*—*West Rainham* 5*l.* 10*s.* remain 3*l.* 10*s.* 2*l.* being deducted.—*South Rainham* 3*l.* 5*s.* deduct 15*s.* remain 2*l.* 10*s.*; these deductions were on account of lands of the religious, and were paid by them.

East Rainham lete fee to the lord of the hundred, was 2*s.* 6*d.*

[3] H. de Brodercross. Terre Rainaldi, filij Ivonis.—In Reineham, T. R. E. ten. Bond. iiii. lib. hoes. mo. tenet. Boteric. et Herold. i. mo. Renald. de dim. car. tre. sep. i. car. iii. ac. pti. tc. val. x. sol. mo. v. et hoen.. Herold i calupniatr. vicomes. in Fagenham, et hund. testatr.

[4] Regist. Eccles. Norw. 1, p. 71.

NORMANSBURGH PRIORY.

At a place so called in *South-Rainham*, *William de Lisewise* founded a little priory, about 1160,[5] for the health of his own soul, that of *Maud* his wife, and *Godfrey* his son, dedicating it to the Blessed Virgin, and St. *John* the Evangelist; appointing it for a cell to the priory of *Castleacre*, endowing it with land, called *Middeles*, and *Franscheshoe*, with the hermitage of *Wigenhale*, &c.—Witnesses, *Alan de Tilneia*, and *Adam*, his son, *Simon Norreis*, *Walter* and *Seman*, *Hugh Cook*, *William de Lechesham*, *William Waleis*, and *Geffrey de Swaffham*.

Godfrey his son, with the consent of *Maud* his wife, *William* his son and heir, and all his children, confirmed the donation and grant of his father *William*, of this cell on his land or lordship, and all that he had given, *viz.* 60 acres of land, and 10 acres, which his father afterwards had added to his first grant; all the land at *Middele* and *Franscheshoe*, with all the land lying between the croft of *Seliva*, and the land of *Richard de Boit*, in *South-Reinham*, and half an acre of land by *Medeles*, and the hermitage of *Wigenhale*,[6] which *John*, the hermit, held, with all its appertenances, and the third part of a certain turbary, which *Alfric*, son of *Kideman* held, which is by the said hermitage; all which the said priory was to hold freely in pure alms without any demand, custom, or secular service, for the health of his own soul, his wife's, and all his children's, and for the soul of his father, the souls of all his ancestors and successours; and for this grant he retains, or reserves nothing to himself, or his heirs, but the prayers that shall be in the monastery of *Acra*, and in the church of St. *John de Normansberch*; and on this condition, that the monks of *Acre* shall make divine service to be celebrated at *Normansberch*, by three monks at least; to whose sustenance and support the said *Godfrey* adds, and gives the church of *South-Reinham*, with all its appertenances, and 9 acres of land in *Gerdel*; *Richard*, the herdsman, or shepherd, with all his family and goods, and *John le Frere*, with all his family and goods, and the tenement which he held of him; and warrants the same grant against the King, and all men, free from all service whatever:—witnesses, *William*, prior of *Lewes*, *Richard Coleman*, *Alexander*, the prior's notary, *Philip de Mortemer*, his *socii*, (that is, his monks,) *William de Lechesham*, *Eustace*, the clerk, *John* and *Godfrey de Helet*, *Seman Cook*, and *Hamon*, the Earl's servant, *sans* date.[7]

[5] Monast. Angl. v. 1. p. 636, &c.

[6] In Wigenhale St. Mary Magd.

[7] Regist. Castleacr. fol. 54.——Venabili. pri. et Dno. suo Johi. Dei gra. Norwic. epo. et archidiaconis et decanis et universis. scæ. matris ecclie filiis ta. psentibq; qua. futuris Godefr. de Lisewise salut.—Noverit. me dedisse et assensu Matildis uxoris, Willi. hered. mei, et oiu. libror. meor. Deo et Sce. Marie et Monach. de Acra cellam in fundo meo q. Wills. pater meus de Lisewise fundavit in loco, qui dicitur Normansberch. in honore Be. Dei Genetricis Marie, et Sci. Johis. Evangeliste in libam. et quieta. et ppetua. elmam. dedi, &c. quicqd. pr. meus, pus. ecclie. et canonicis. illius loci dedit, viz. LX acr tre. et X acr. qs. pr. meus eis accrevit, et tota. tram. de Middele, et tota. tram. de Franscheshoe. et tota. tram. q. jacet intr. crofta, Selive, et tram. Ric. de Boit in Suth-Reinham, et dim. acre. tre. que. jacet ja. Meteles, et hmetorium. de Wigehale. q. Johes. hemita. tenuit cum oib; ptinent. et tertiam partem cujusd. turbarie qu. Alfricus fil. Kideman. tenuit q. est juxta pdic. tu. hemetorium. Hæc oia. volo ut pdicti

From this it appears, 1st, That *Godfrey* had a lordship in *South-Reynham*, and by this grant gave part of it to this priory, which became also a lordship: 2dly, we may have some knowledge of the time of this grant; *Philip de Mortimer*, who was at this time one of the chief monks of *Lewes*, was after prior of *Castleacre*, and occurs so in 1203, so that it is probable it was in the time of King *Henry* II. 3dly, it is likely *Hamon*, the Earl's servant here mentioned, was servant to the Earl *Warren*, whose ancestors founded the priories of *Lewes* and *Castleacre*. It is probable, that the family of *Lisewise* might hold some fees, or lands, under the Earl *Warren*. *William*, the founder of this priory, gave to the priory of *Castleacre* all the tithe of his woods, and assarts at *Gateley*, and of his demean lands there, as in *Castleacre* may be seen. It is certain that *Gateley*, and part of this town, was held by *Hugh de Montefort*; and as *William de Lisewise* appears to have a lordship there and here, it is highly reasonable to conclude, that he held a part of this under *Hugh's* family, and descendants, and came from the *Lisewyses*, by two daughters and coheirs, to the *Ingaldesthorps* and *Scales*.

By another deed, the said *Godfrey* granted to the priory of *Castleacre* 13 acres and one rood of land, 8 acres and a rood of which was called *Caldewelleil*, and 5 acres of which lay in the field of *East-Gisr dele* in *South-Rainham*, and all the liberties which they had to theicell of *Normansberch*; also a foldcourse in all the land belonging to the church of St. *John* of *Normansberch*, which are the lands beyond the water towards the south; and all the lands, tenements, and liberties which *William*, his father, granted to them: witnesses, *Gerard*, the priest of *Barsham*, *Roger*, priest, his brother, *Richard de Fulden*, *William de Lechesham*, *Roger de Sengham*, *Simon Mareschal*, &c.

Whether this *Godfrey* was of the family of *Dodo de Lysures*, Lord *Lysures de Fletborough*, who had a daughter and heir, *Albredge*, first married to *Richard Fitz-Eustace*, lord of *Halton*, and constable of *Chester*, of whom descended the *Lacies* Earls of *Lincoln*, and afterwards married Sir *William Fitz-William*, of whom descended *William Fitz-William* Earl of *Southampton*. and Sir *William Fitz-William*, Knt. &c. I cannot say; but this I may observe, that the *Fitz-Williams* were afterwards patrons of the hermitage, or (priory and nunnery of *Crabhouse*, as it was afterwards called, and converted into,) in *Wigenhale*, above mentioned. This *Dodo* lived in the time of King *Stephen*, and bore, *or*, a chief, *azure*. About the said time, in the reign of King *Henry* II. lived *Fulco de Lysures*, who married *Alice*, daughter

monachi teneant liberè, quitè, et paceficè, sine oi. exactione et consuetudine, et servitio sclari. in libam. et ppetua. elmam. p. salute meâ. et uxoris mee, et oiu. libor. meor. et p. aiâ pris. mei Wi. de Lisewise, et p. aiab; oiu. antecessor. meor. et successor. pro hac donatione nichil mihi, vel heredib; meis retinui pter. orationes. qs. fuit. in monasterio de Acra, et orationes q. fuit. in pdicta. ecclia. Sti. Johs. de Normannesberg. Ita qd. monachi de Acra facient, ibi divina officia ppetuo. celebrari. per tres monachos ad minus, ad quor. susten. tationem ego accrevi, et dedi eis ecclia. de Suth Reinham cu. oib; ptinentiis. suis et ix. acr. tre. in Gerdel, et Rici. Bercarium fil. Scule cu. oi. seqlâ. suâ, et Johem. le Frere cu. totâ seqlâ. suâ, et totu tenementu. qd. de me tenet. Et ego et heredes mei warrantizabimus eos contra regem et ones. hoeis. de omni servitio, et de oib; rebus. Hiis testib; Willo. priore de Lewes, Ric. Coleman, Alex. Natario poris. Ph. de Mortuomarii, sociis suis, Will. de Lechesham, Eust. clico. Joh. de Helet, Godef. de Helet, Seman Cook, Hamon, serviente comitis.

of ——, and sister of *William de Aubervill*, who was a widow in 1183, aged 30; and holding lands *in capite*, was *de donatione Regis*, that is, could not marry without the King's license and consent;[8] and had then two sons, who were knights, and three other sons, and six daughters, married and unmarried, which last were in the ward of their mother, who held *Glapthorp* and *Abington* in *Northamptonshire*, valued at 14*l. per ann.*

Godfrey also gave, with the consent of *Maud* his wife, to the said priory, 12*d. per ann.* rent, due from *Gilbert Pauvere*:[9] Witnesses, *Ivo, Capellane, William de Bec, William de Lechesham, Godfrey de Cambridge, John de Hellet*, &c.

In 1199, a fine was levied between *Godfrey de Lisewyz*, and *Gilbert Pauperem*, (*Poor*, or *Le Pouvre*,) of lands, customs, and services in *Reynham*, granted to *Gilbert*, who gave 6 marks of silver to *Godfrey*, one talent to *Maud* his wife, and another to *Maud* his mother, and a third to *William*, son of *Godfrey*; by this it appears, that six marks of silver were more than one talent.

Aveline, daughter of *Richard de Hoxewic*, by deed *sans* date, granted to the said priory of *Normansberch* one penny rent, *per ann.* which *Richard*, son of *Godefrid*, Dean of *Hoxewic*, owed to her, and all her right in a tenement, which the said *Richard* holds of the fee of the priory of *Normansberch*: Witnesses, Sir *Peter Buzun*, Sir *Ralph de Patesle*, *Hamon*, his son, *Godfrey*, son of *Hugh de Hoxewic*, *Richard*, son of *Thomas de Croft*, *Geff. de Croft*, *Richard Wade* of *Hoxewic*, *Adam Buzun*, *Robert Sparwe*, *Adam*, his son, *Robert de Hardele*, *Roger de Patesle*, &c.

John Gunnild, by deed *sans* date, granted to *Ralph*, son of *Osbert*, and to his daughters, *Agnes* and *Joan*, of *Suth-Reynham*, a piece of ground there, paying yearly to the priory 1*d.* *Roger*, son of *Giles de Patesley*, chaplain, by deed, *sans* date, released to the priory his right in a tenement which he held of the priory in *Godewic*; *viz.* the tenement which *Manser le Paumer* of *Brecham* held: Witnesses, Sir *Hamon Burt*, *Geffery de Longvil*, *Ralph de Herlam*, *William Fitz-Ralph de Hoxewic*, *Richard* his son, *William*, son of *Edrick de Titleshale*, *Giles de Patesle*, *Adam Buzun Wissenset*.

Jeffrey de Longvile, brother of *Roger de Lonvile*, by deed, *sans* date, confirmed to this priory all the land which *Roger*, his eldest brother, gave them; *viz.* six acres and a rood of land in *Godewic*, lying at *Gatewong*, and an acre and half at *Stiwong*: Witnesses, *Geff. de Medlers*, *Roger de St. Denyns*, *Reimer de Dunton*, *Roger le Strange*, *Wymer de Bradeham*.

Richard, son of *William de Ingaldesthorpe*, by the advice and consent of *Maud* his wife, grants to this priory 2 pieces of marsh-land, one lying in *Branches* furlong, between the marsh of *Thomas*, son of *Richard*, son of *William*, and the marsh of *Jeff. de Reinham*, and the homage and service of *William*, son of *Ralph de Gateley*, for the tenemen which he held of him, with the appertenances, with the rent of one capon *per ann*: Witnesses, *Alan*, son of *John*, *Jeff. de Reinham*, *Barthol.* son of *William*, *John Poor*, &c. *sans date*.

This deed, in some measure, confirms what I have observed, that

[8] Ro. de Dnab; pueris et puellis, 30 Hen. I. in Sccio.

[9] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 54.

the manor of *East* and *South Reinham* came to the *Ingaldesthorpes* and *Scales*, by the heiresses of *Lisewise*. Here we find *Maud* to be the wife of *Richard de Ingaldesthorpe*, and to grant this at the request of his wife, being related to the founder, most probably, and daughter of *William de Lisewise*, grandson to the founder, whose mother's and grandmother's name was also *Maud*.

Gowline, son of *Richard Derebout*, granted by deed, *sans* date, land in *South Reinham*:—Witnesses, Sir *Robert de Eschalers*, (or *Scales*,) Sir *Jeff. de Medlers*, &c.

Roger occurs prior in *Henry* the Second's time,[1] and styles himself as below.—*Hugh*, prior, occurs 1204.

Simon, prior of *Normansberch*, occurs, 1227, with the assent of his brethren, grants to *Philip de Longvil*, (by deed, *sans* date,) rector of the church of *Godewic*, for his homage, &c. 4 acres and a half of land in the fields of *Godewic*, of the gift of *Pagan de Longvill*, paying 12*d. per ann.*—Witnesses, Sir *Thomas Burt*, Sir *Gilbert de Fransham*, Sir *Richard de Butellers*, *Hamon de Patesle*, *Ralph de Erlham*, *Richard*, son of *Walter de Tittleshale*, &c. —— *Gervase*, prior.

Roger, prior of *Normansberch*, styles himself in the Pope's language and style, *Rogerus, servus servorum Dei, prior humilie de Reynham.*—They had no spiritualities, as it is said. The temporalities of this house, in 1428, in *Reinham* St. *Mary*, were 3*s.* 6*d. per ann.*; in St. *Martin's*, 4*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* and all their temporalities in *Norfolk* then were valued at 6*l.* 0*s.* 10*d. per ann.* The Duke of *Norfolk* had a grant of it at the Dissolution, and in 1554, on *March* 4th, died seized of it; but in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. it was in the King's hand, and farmed of the King, called the manor of *Lewsewis*; afterwards it came to the *Townsends*, and in 1564, *Roger Townsend* held all those, late the Duke of *Norfolk's*, called *Normansburgh*, and had livery of them in that year.

RAINHAM ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

In this town were 3 churches, of which this was the chief, called also *East-Rainham*, and is a rectory valued, in the reign of King *Edward* I. at 20 marks; paid *Peter*-pence 10*d. ob.* The present valor is 18*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays first-fruits, and tenths.

It consists of a nave, with two isles, and a chancel covered with lead, and has a four-square tower, and four bells; on the south side of it is a curious large dial, with a clock, erected at the charge of the late *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend*, and on the north side of the church and chancel, a dormitory, but no monuments.

Against the north-east part of the chancel is a very fair tomb, but without any inscription, erected to the memory of Sir *Roger Townsend*, the judge, agreeable to the will of the Lady *Elianore* his wife, as is abovementioned, with a canopy, &c. of stone work. On it were the arms of *Townsend*; *azure*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three escallops, *argent*, and that of *Havile's*, quarterly; *gules*, a chevron, *or*, between three de-lis, *argent*,—impaling, quarterly, *azure*, a chevron, between three boars heads, couped, *or*, *Lunsford*;—and *argent*, three chevronels, *gules*, a file in chief of three points, *azure*,—*Barrington*.

[1] Mon. Angl. vol. i. p. 637, &c.

On a marble grave-stone;—

Orate p. aiâ. Johs. Townsend, filii Rogeri et Elianore, qui obiit iiii. die Octob, Ao. Dni. M.CCCC.LXV.

Orate p. aiâ. Georgii Townsend, filii Rogeri Townsend, Armigeri.

Orate p. aiâ. Magistri Robti. Godfrey, Clici. in Legibus Baculârii. quoda. rectoris de Reynham. Sce. Marie, qi. obiit xxiii. die mens. Apr. Ao. Dni. M°.VC.XXII°.

Gulielmus Prestland, hujus ecclesiæ rector, obiit die Novemb. 13°, 1721.

Orate p. aiâ. Dni. Willi. Silvester, alias vocati Candeler, quodam, Capellani istius ecclie. qi. obiit vicesimo die mens. Septemb. Ao. Dni. M.CCCC°.LXXI°.

Orate p. aiâ. Joh. Cresner, Generosi.

Robert Wolvey of *Reynham Magna,* buried here in 1524, gave by will to the repair of this church 3*l.* and a cross of silver of the price of 10*l.* and makes his special, and most trusty master, Sir *Roger Townsend,* supervisor of his will.[2]

On the windows of the south isle are the arms of the Lords *Scales, —Ingaldesthorp,—Townsend,* and *Havile,* impaling *gules,* three falcons, beaked and jessed, *or,—Atterton;*—also in the west window, *Townsend* and *Havile* impaling *azure,* a fess, wavy, *or;* and in a north window was —— a fess, counterembattled between three trefoils.

RECTORS.

In 1227, *John* occurs rector, as appears by a fine, wherein *Osbert* grants a tenement, in *Reynham Magna,* to *John,* and his successours.

1320, *William de Hackford,* presented by Sir *John,* son of Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp.*

Roger de Caston occurs in the 22d of *Edward* III.

1361, *William Burghard,* by Sir *William de Ingaldesthorp.*

1380, *John de Tyveteshale,* by the King, on the minority of the son and heir of Sir *William.*

1423, *Gregory Whery,* by the King.

1479, *Thomas Smyth,* L. L. B. by Sir *William Norye,* Knt. in right of his late wife.

1496, *John Clyff,* by the Lady *Elianor Townsend,* widow of Sir *Roger.*

1522, *Robert Godfrey.*

1581, *Samuel Gardiner.*

1600, *Samuel Gardiner,* by the Lady *Berkeley.*

1622. *William Armstead* occurs rector.

1634, *Samuel Clerk.*

1638, *John Easton.*

1681, *William Prestland.*

1721, *Thomas Cole,* D. D. by Lord *Townsend,* afterwards Dean of *Norwich.*

1730, *Edward Franklin,* by *ditto.*

In this church was St. *Mary's* guild.

[2] Regist. Alabastor. Norw. fol. 233.

In 1553, *Laur. Maptid,* late chantry priest in *Rainham,* had a pension of 6*l. per ann.*

The prior of *Fakenham-dam* had temporalities in this parish, a mill, and land valued in 1428, at 27*s. per ann.*

The prior of St. *Faith's* (of *Horsham*) temporalities, valued at 12*d.*

RAINHAM ST. MARGARET, OR WEST-RAINHAM.

This church has a nave, and a north isle, covered with lead, and a chancel with tiles.

Its ancient valor was 18 marks; paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d. ob.*—the present valor is 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* pays first-fruits, &c.

On the screen, between the church and chancel were painted the arms of *Townsend* and *Havile* impaling *Gigges,* as aforesaid; *Townsend* and *Havile* impaling *Brews, argent,* a lion rampant, and crusily of crosslets, *gules,* lion crowned, *or.*

The patronage was anciently in the manor of *Haviles,* and was given by Sir *Thomas Havile,* with one acre of land to the priory of *Miremond,* in the isle of *Ely,* by fine, in 1316.

In 1322, *Richard de Walton,* rector, presented by the prior of *Mirmound.*

1327, *Henry de Gysych. Ditto.*

1339, *Nicholas Taterford,* by the King.

1349, *George de Mylham,* by the prior.

1364, *William Cressingham* occurs rector of *Rainham.*

1375, *William Vechey,* by the prior.

1391, *Robert Newman. Ditto.*

1391, *John de Lenne. Ditto.*

1417, *Ralf Grys. Ditto.*

1449, *John Fincham. Ditto.*

1458, *John Wastell,* by Sir *Thomas Todenham,* the prior's assignee.

1497, Mr. *John Scarlet,* Decret. Dr. by the Lady *Eleanore Townsend,* widow.

1508, *Robert Bradshaw* occurs rector.

John Baldwin, rector.

1616, *Samuel Gardiner.*

1633, *Thomas Ramsey.*

Charles Roderick, D. D. he was provost of King's college, *Cambridge,* and Dean of *Ely,* and died 1712.

1721, *Thomas Cole,* D. D. by the death of *William Prestland,* by the Lord *Townsend,* Dean of *Norwich.*

1730, *Edward Franklin. Ditto.*

The prior of *Westacre* had lands in this parish, valued at 101*s.* and 3*d. per ann.* In 1428, by an agreement between them, and the priory of *Castleacre, sans* date, exchanged them.

King *Henry* VIII. in his 36th year, granted to *Thomas Broke* and *John Williams,* lands, pastures, and sheep-walks, in *West-Rainham,* and *Kypton,* late belonging to *Castleacre* priory, in the tenure of Sir *Roger Townsend;* and in the said year, *October* 28th, he granted to Sir *Thomas Wriothesly,* and *Jane* his wife, messuages, lands, &c. late belonging to *Westacre* priory.

RAINHAM ST. MARTIN, OR SOUTH-RAINHAM.

William de Lek was rector in the time of *John Grey*, Bishop of *Norwich*, and was granted by *Godfrey de Lisewis* to his priory of *Normansbergh*, and appropriated thereto by the said Bishop, and confirmed by *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury;* and after granted by *Robert*, prior of *Castleacre*, (*Normansbergh* being a cell to that house,) and *Simon*, prior of *Normansbergh* to *Robert* Lord *Scales*, in 1227, and given by him, at the request of his son, to the priory of *Blackburgh*, and appropriated to it, by *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1257, and a vicarage appointed, valued at 40*s*. the rectory at 15 marks; *Peterpence* 10*d*. *ob*.

1325, *Hugh*, occurs vicar.

1326, *John de Helmingham*, presented by the prioress of *Blackburgh*.

1335, *John Lefts*. *Ditto*.

1350, *Henry de Grafton*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1374, *Simon Austin*.

1382, *Thomas Oxley*, by the prioress.

1397, *John de Leicester*. *Ditto*.

1399, *William Cocket*. *Ditto*.

1400, *John Lomnour*. *Ditto*.

John de Gwillis, vicar.

1426, *William Corby*. *Ditto*.

1431, *John Bulle*. *Ditto*.

1441, *John Whetele*. *Ditto*.

1449, *Thomas Nory*. *Ditto*.

1458, *Thomas Frarewell*. *Ditto*.

On the dissolution of *Blackburgh* priory, the rectory, and advowson of the vicarage were granted *May* 5, *Ao*. 3° of *Edward* VI. to Sir *Roger Townsend*.

Soon after this it became a rectory again, and

Henry Baldwin was rector. *Edward Hampton*, rector. *Richard Ketwell*, rector, and *Elias Bate*, rector, about 1635.

Mr. —— *Cushion* died rector in 1740.

1740, *Thomas Scot*, rector, presented by Lord *Townsend*.

1742, *William Miles*. *Ditto*.

1748, *Charles Allen*. *Ditto*.

It is now a rectory, valued at 6*l*. and discharged.

In the church were formerly the lights of St. *Martin*, and of *Corpus Christi*.

On the 3d of *April A*°. 7°. of King *Richard* II. the prior and convent of *Bynham* demised for ever, in fee farm, to the prior and convent of *Lewes*, in *Sussex*, all the fruits and profits of their portions of tithes, in *Reynham, Norton, Tofts*, and *Shireford*, for the yearly pension of 24*s*. payable on the feast of St. *Andrew*.

King *Edward* VI. on *July* 1, *A*°. 7°, granted to *Thomas Spany*, and *John Baspoole*, 30 acres and 10 roods of land, in *East, West*, and *South Rainham*, belonging to *Thetford* priory.

EAST RUDHAM

WAS the lordship of the Earl *Warren; Toka,* a *Saxon* thane, whom we have often mentioned, being deprived of it at the conquest, who had in King *Edward's* reign, 6 villains, 16 bordarers and 3 servi, with 3 carucates, and one carucate, and 3 acres of meadow belonging to his men, or tenants, 2 mills, one salt work, &c. 400 sheep, &c. 2 churches endowed with 60 acres, and 14 breeding mares, that pastured in the woods; this was held by *Ralf,* under the Earl *Warren.* It extended into *Bagthorp, Houghton, Barmere, Sedistern,* and *Helgeton,* valued in the whole, in King *Edward's* time, at 8*l.* and 10*l. per ann.* at the survey, with 20*s.* in demean; all *Rudham* being one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 4*s.* and 3*d.* gelt.[3]

This RALPH was the ancestor of the family of *De Cainety,* or *Cheyney,* of which was *John de Cheyney,* founder of *Coxford* priory; whose daughter, and heiress, *Emma,* as I take it, brought it by marriage to *Michael Belet,* about the year 1150. Of the family of this *Ralph de Cheyney,* see in *Horseford, Taverham* hundred.

The BELETS were a family of great honour and worth; *Hervey Belet* lived in the reign of King *Henry* I. was father of *Michael Belet,* cupbearer to King *Henry* II. who served under the Earl *Warren,* at the coronation of *Alianore,* wife to that King; (he served that day for *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel;*) and married *Emma,* daughter and heir of *John de Cayneto,* or *Cheyney,* by whom he had *Michael* and *Hervey Belet,* &c. his sons. This *Michael* (as I take it) was a judge in the 32d of *Henry* II. and high sheriff of *Leicestershire,* in the 29th, 30th, &c. of that King.[4] On the 28th of *Dec. A°.* 7° of King *John,* by a patent dated at *Marlborough,* he had a grant to himself and his heirs, of being the King's butler.—"*Johannes Dei gratia, &c. Sciatis nos "reddidisse et præsenti charta confirmâsse Magist°. Mich. Beleth, filio "Mich. Beleth, et heredib; suis, officium suum de Pincernora nostra, et "omnia alia, Jura ad pdict. officium ptin. cum omn. ptinentijs suis. ha- "bend. et tenend. de nobis et integre, et honorifice, sicut ipse Michael "pater pdicti Magri Mich. vel aliquis antecessor. suorum officium illud "melius, et liberius, &c. habuit et tenuit. Concessimus etiam eid. Mag°. "Mich. et heredibus suis omnes terras que fuerunt, Hervei Beleth, avi "ejus, de cujuscunq; feodo fuerunt.*"—*Witnesses, John* Bishop of *Norwich, Henry* Bishop of *Salisbury, Geff. Fitzpiers* Earl of *Essex, William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke, Robert de Turnham, William Briwer, Peter de Stok, Geff. de Lucy, Geff. de Lutterell,* &c.

[3] Tre Willi. de Warenna.—Hundret. de Brodercr. —In Rudeham ten. Rad. iii. car. tre. quas tenuit Toka, T. R. E. semp. vi. vill. et xvi. bord. tc. iii. serv. modo i. tc. iii. car. modo i. semp. hom. i. car. et iii. ac. pti. ii. molin. i. salin. semp. xi. an. et tc. xxx. porc. m°. xxviii. tc. cccc. ovs. modo c. et lxxx. ii. ecclie. lx. ac. tc. xiiii. eq. modo xxii. eque. silvat. h. tot. (*viz.* cum beruitis) val. T. R. E. viii. lib. m°. x. lib. in dnio. i. xx sol. totu. Rudeham ht. i. lg. in longo, et i. in lato. et iiii. sol. et iii. *d.* de gelt.

[4] He appears from a fine to be a judge, in the 2d year of Richard I.

In the 16th of King *John*, *Hervey Belet* was lord, and had a grant of a fair, to be held yearly, on the feast of St. *Matthew*, and the vigil of St. *Matthew*; this *Hervey* gave to the priory of *Coxford* to this lordship, as I shall here show.

COXFORD-PRIORY MANOR

Takes its name from its site, on a small stream, or rivulet, in this parish; *Cock*, or *Cocker*, occurs as the name of a river, as *Cockermouth* in *Cumberland*, *Cockley*, and *Cockfield* in *Suffolk*, &c.—*William Chene* founded in the church of St. *Mary* of *Rudham*, a priory, in the reign of King *Steven*, but was removed to a place more *East*, called *Coxford*.

John de Caineto, Querceto, or *de Cheyney*, was a great benefactor, or founder of it, for canons of the order of St. *Austin*, and dedicated to God, and the Virgin *Mary*, who gave them the churches of *East*, and *West Rudham*, with their appertenances, and all the layland which *Bruno* and *William*, the priests, held, *viz.* what *Ralph de Querceto*, his grandfather, and *Will.* his son, held in perpetual alms; also the gardens of *Freke*, *Godwin*, *Lambert*, *Wilmot*, *Warin*, and *Alman*, the mill, and pool, of *Cokeford Cadwellwang*, the water of *Taterset*, and *Kettleswang*, and all *Nowmerewang*, *Ralph Fitz Ulmar*, and his land, *Burstan*, and his land, and this in exchange for the land of *Almar de Gartun*, which *Moses* holds, and the service of *Somerled*, the priest, and his land, which his uncle *William de Querceto* gave to him, *Godwyn*, the scrivener, and his land, and *Pocheswda*, and all the land of *Marham*, of his fee, the mill of *Thorp*, at the pond, with the pond, and the service which the men of the town are to do about the repairing of the bank of the said pool, and two men living nigh the mill, *Godwin*, and *Ulfing* his brother, and their lands, half the wood of *Besefen*, which is without the park, for the souls of his grandfather *Ralph*, and his wife, of his father and his wife, of *William de Querceto*, his uncle, and his wife, and *Roger* and his wife, his sisters, and *Waleran de Rochford*, except only the service of the Earl, (*viz. Warren*,) as free as his father held it: *witnesses*, *Reinald de Warren*, *Ralph de Wibervilla*, *Ralph*, son of *Osmond*, *Sibila*, wife of Sir *John*, *Peter de Caineto*, and *Matthew* his brother, *Nicholas Clerk*, and *Godwin* his brother, *Scul.*—and *William* his brother, *Ralph*, parson of *Saxthorp*, Mr. *Will. Matin*, *Will.* the priest, *Nicholas de Staveley*, *Watch.*—the deacon, *Geff. de West Rudham*, *Ralph Avis*, *Nicholas*, clerk of *Barsham*, *Walter Clerk*, and *Albert*, and *Rigolf*, *Warin*, and *Robert de Croft*; this is *sans date*; but the grant was renewed before *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, by the founder, in person; *witness*, *William* archdeacon of *Norwich*: this *William* was *William Turb*, elected Bishop in 1146; and *William Fitz Humphrey*, archdeacon, who was succeeded in 1149, by *Roger*, so that this benefaction foundation appears to have been in or between the years 1146 and 1149.

Hervey Beleth gave them the lordship of *East Rudham*, with lands in *Geython*, *Marham*, *Sydistern*, *Beremere*, and *Croste*, &c. for the maintenance of an hospital at *Boycodeswade*, built by him, and a secular chaplain to serve therein for ever, for his own soul, that of the Lady *Emme de Kayneto*, his mother,[5] and for the souls of his brothers,

[5] Emme, wife of Sir Mich. Belet, and daughter of Sir John de Caineto,

parents, and his ancestors, in pure alms. This grant or deed is *sans date*, but was in or about the 16th of King *John*, it was for a warden, and 13 poor people, to be under the government of the prior and convent of *Coxford*, and was dedicated to St. *Andrew*.

In the 11th of *Henry* III. the prior had a grant of a fair, on the feast of the translation of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and the two following days, which was confirmed in the 35th of the said King, with piccage, stallage, &c.

In the 17th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *William*, the prior of *Cokesford*, petent, master *Michael Belet*, impedent, of the homage and service of *Roger de Cressi* of his fee in *West Rudham*, acknowledged by *Michael* to be the prior's right, as belonging to the manor of *Cokesford*, (of the gift of *Hervey Belet*, brother of *Michael*,) who gave them the manor of *Rudham*, which manor was given in frank marriage by the ancestor of *Mich.* to the ancestor of *Roger Cressi*; and the prior released to *Michael* 11 *marks*, due by the wills of *Michael Belet*, *Emme de Cheyney*, and *Emme de Taney*. This *Roger de Cressi* lived in the reign of King *John*, and was son of *Hugh de Cressi*, who married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Will. de Cheney*, uncle of Sir *John de Cheney*, the cofounder, who by this marriage had an interest here.

The prior paid 100*s.* on the aid granted to King *Henry* III. on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor of *Germany*, and held 2 fees of the Earl *Warren*, with tenements in *East* and *West Rudham*, with their churches, and that of *Houghton*, in pure alms, of *Hervey Belet*, with 30 acres of land in *Bermere*, of the gift of *Nicholas de Bermere*; and in the 41st of *Henry* III. the prior impleaded *Simon*, son of *Richard de Pencethorp*, for levying a mercate at *Pencethorp* to the injury of the prior's free mercate of *East Rudham*.

In the 3d and 15th of *Edward* I. the prior had the lete and free warren, with a free mercate on *Monday*, and a fair yearly on the vigil and day of St. *Matthew* the Apostle. In the 23d of that King, died *William de Say*, son and heir of *Geff.* Lord *Say*, and *Alice* his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *John de Cheney*, which *Geffrey* confirmed to these canons all those grants which *William de Cayneto*, or *Cheney*, or *John de Cheyney*, nephew of that *William*, had made unto them;[a] and for the soul of *Alice* his wife, and the souls of his ancestors, &c. did, of his own gift, add the church of St. *Margaret* at *Thorp*; and this *William*, on his death, was found to have the patronage of this priory.

In the 27th of the said reign, the prior had a three-week court in this manor, which extended into *West-Rudham*.

Sir *Robert de Ufford* gave them the mill of *Thorp*-Market, and *Cecilia*, his widow, daughter and coheir of *Robert de Valoines*, released her right in the pool and fishery, to *William de Hempton*, the prior, about the 10th of *Edward* II.——*William de Hindringham* gave 5 messuages, 16 acres of land, and 4*s.* rent, in *East-Rudham* and *Houghton*, in the 9th of *Edward* III. A fine was levied, in the 17th of *Edward* II. between Sir *William Heron*, Lord *Say*, and the lady *Elizabeth*, his wife, and *Thomas* Archbishop of *York*, &c. their feoffees, of the advowson of this priory, and 12 knights fees, in *East* and

[a] Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 511.

West Rudham, Cokeford, Houghton, Barmere, Siddistern, Marsham, Geyton, Midleton, Clenchwarton, Shouldham, Letton, Thorp-Market *Stratton, Reedham, Taverham, Attlebrigg, Kettleston, Repham, Salle, Heydon, Corpusty, Creke, Stanho, Choseley,* &c. with many knights fees in *Surrey, Sussex, Bucks, Northamptonshire, Suffolk, Hertfordshire,* and 36 in *Kent;* this lady being the daughter of *William,* sister and heir of *John* Lord *Say,* and so lineally descended from *Geffrey de Say,* who married *Alice,* daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Cheney,* founder of this priory; and, dying without issue, Sir *John Clinton* Lord *Clinton,* and *Roger* Lord *Fenys,* were found to be her cousins and heirs, as appears by the close rolls of *Henry* VI. and the Lord *Clinton* resigned or released to *Roger* Lord *Fenys,* his right in the patronage, in the 6th of *Henry* VI.

In 1428, their temporalities, in this town, were valued at 85*l.* 12*s.* 11*d. per annum,* the whole of their temporalities, at 143*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* and the whole of their spiritualities, at 78*l.* 13*s,* 4*d.*—Total, 222*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

In this priory were an abbot, and 9 black canons.

John Matthew, prior, granted, *April* 30, in the 20th of *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk, Kilverston* manor, given to the priory by *Margaret,* (one of the daughters and coheirs of *William de Cheyney,*) wife of *Hugh de Cressi,* the Duke being collector of the subsidy granted by the clergy to the King, and the convent being in debt to the King, the Duke covenanted to discharge it, for which consideration they conveyed it.

At the Dissolution, it was valued, as *Dugdale,* at 121*l.* 18*s.* 10*d. ob.* as *Speed,* at 153*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* which shows how low the visitors laid it from what is above said. King *Henry* VIII. on the 9th of *May,* in his 29th year, gave the manor of *East-Rudham,* with the site of the priory of *Cokesford,* the impropriate rectory, and patronage of the vicarage, to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk.* In the 21st of *Elizabeth, Philip Howard* Earl of *Arundel,* son to the said Duke, had license to alien it to Sir *Roger Townsend,* whose immediate heir, the Right Honourable *George* Lord Viscount *Townsend,* is the present lord.

The abbey church was standing (as Sir *Henry Spelman* relates) in the reign of King *James* I.[7] and in part of the abbey lived *Henry Cornwaleys,* Esq. (in the time of Queen *Elizabeth,*) who married *Anne,* daughter and coheir of *Roger Rookwood,* Esq. of *Euston* in *Suffolk;* and, in a parlour here, were the arms of the Duke of *Norfolk,* in a garter; and in a chamber, *azure,* a chevron, between three crosses, pattée, *or; Calybut,* quartering, *or,* a saltire *vert;* crest, a greyhound passant, *azure,* pierced on the shoulder with a martlet, *argent.*—*Anne Calybut,* daughter and coheir of *Edgar Calybut,* serjeant at law, was second wife of the said *Henry Cornwaleys.*

Besides the benefactors abovementioned, I find that *William* son of *Robert de Hingoldesthorp, Tiphania de Pavili, Thomas de Pavili, Anselm de Hillington, Geffrey,* son of *Anselm de Hillington, Robert* son of *Robert* the merchant, of *Hillington, Lewes,* son of *Roger de Hillington, Richard de Merley* of *Hillington, Richard de Senges,* and *William,* son of *Augustine de Congham,* gave them lands, *sans* date; *Albert Bond* gave them half a mark rent out of *Bausey* mill, in the time of *Adam de Dalling,* prior, in the time of *Edward* I.

[7] Spelman on Sacrilege, p. 268.

In the 19th of *Edward* II. the prior had a patent for 3 messuages 100 acres of land, and 10*s.* rent in *Grimston, Congham, Rydon Wyveling,* and *Appleton,* granted by *Maud de Tony;* and in the 9th of *Edward* III. *William de Hindringham* gave 5 messuages, 16 acres of land, and 4*s.* rent, in this town, and *Houghton,* and, in the said year, they had a patent for the manor of *Thorp,* in *West-Wretham,* given by *Thomas de Nethergate.*—A parcel of *Roman* coins, in a little pot, is said to be found in the ruins of the priory in 1719.

PRIORS.

Matthew de Caineto was the first prior.

Herebert, or *Hubert,* occurs prior in the 10th of *Richard* I. and 4th of *Henry* III.

William occurs, 17th *Henry* III.

Adam de Dalling occurs in the reign of *Henry* I. *Ao.* 29.

John occurs prior, 34th and 41st *Henry* III.

Hugh de Elmham occurs, in the 14th of *Edward* I.

William de Hempton, elected prior 1315.

John Thorp, died prior 1342, and *John de Thornham* elected that year.

Peter de Tekenhow, elected in 1346, on *Thornham's* resignation.

Henry de Elmham was prior about 1369.

John de Walsingham, elected in 1404.

Edmund de Snetesham occurs in 1430, and resigned.

John de Dereham, chose 1438.

Edmund de Snetesham elected again, on *Dereham's* death, 1449.

John Wichingham succeeded, and resigned in 1463, when *John Knollys,* alias *Clement,* was elected; and, on his death, in 1478, *Henry Mileham* was elected, and occurs prior in 1498. *John Matthews* occurs prior in 1534, with *John Nevill,* and 8 other canons, subscribed to the King's supremacy, and, and on the dissolution of the priory, he had a pension of 15*l. per ann.* granted to him, as is said. By a fine levied, it appears, that *Thomas* was prior in the 21st of *Henry* VIII. and *John Adamson* after him, as *Willis* says.——*Robart Sharington,* chaplain, left to every indigent person, in the hospital of St. *Andrew* at *Cokesford,* money, in 1491. This was most likely the hospital above-mentioned, called *Boycodeswade.*

Temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were, in 1428, valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* The tenths were 6*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted, 13*s.* 4*d.*——Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, 2*s.*

I find the guild of St. *Radegunds,* of *Cokesford;* there was the chapel of that name in 1463, within the priory of *Coxford,* and a lady anchoress there in 1526.

The church of *East-Rudham* is dedicated to St. *Mary,* and was appropriated to the priory of *Coxford:* the present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 6*s* 8*d.*

The rectory appropriated was valued at 20 marks, and was given by *Hervy Belet*; and the vicarage at 5 marks: the prior had a moiety of the obventions. *Peter*-pence, 18*d.*

In a south window of the chancel are the arms of *John* of *Gaunt Duke* of *Lancaster, France* and *England,* quarterly, with a label of 3

points, *ermine*, impaling *Castile* and *Leon*, quarterly: those also of *Gourney*, and of *Inglethorp:* and, *gules*, a bend between six crosses, pattée, *argent*.

On a gravestone, with a brass plate:

Orate p. aiab; Rici. Dey, notarii, et Isabellae uxoris suæ, qui quidem Ric. obt. 25 die Feb. Ao. 1507.

VICARS.

1301, *John de Titeshale*, instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Cokesford*.
1310, *Peter de Buxstone. Ditto.*
1314, *Richard Ringstede. Ditto,*
1306, *Bened. de Fakenham. Ditto.*
1328, *William Keys. Ditto.*
1349, *John de Sustede. Ditto.*
1393, *Thomas Grey. Ditto.*
1416, *Adam de Erneley. Ditto.*
1425, *William Mallere. Ditto.*
1429, *Thomas Howlet. Ditto.*
1448, *William Leutt*, by *John*, prior, &c.
1478, *John Belle*, by the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1511, *John Stifling*, by the prior, &c.
1554, *William Blakey*, the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1555, *Bernard Mankinholles. Ditto.*
John Head.
1566, *John Muriel*, by the Duke of *Norfolk.*
Edmund Warne.
1597, *Henry Baldwin*, by *Jane*, relict of Sir *Roger Townsend.*
1612, *Richard Kettlewell*, by Sir *John Stanhope*, Baron *de Harrington.*
1625, *John Robotham*, by Sir *Roger Townsend*, Bart.
1629, *John Ramsey. Ditto.*
1669, *Thomas Gibson*, by *Hor.* Lord *Townsend.*
1693, *Ant. Austin* by *Charles* Lord *Townsend.*
1697, *William Marshall*, the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1704, *Robert Baldwin*, by *Charles Townsend,*
1707, *Patr. Guthry. Ditto.*
1720, *John Athill. Ditto.*
1721, *Robert Spencer. Ditto.*
1762, Mr. *Thomas Burslem. Ditto.*

WEST RUDHAM.

RUDHAM, at the survey, included both East and West *Rudham*, being not at that time distinguished by the name of East and West, both which belonged to the Earl *Warren*, the capital lord. This part was held by *Lambert*, under the aforesaid Earl; a freeman was lord of it in the days of *Edward* the Confessor, and deprived of it at the conquest: He had one carucate, held by one villain, and 14 bordarers, 3 servi, with two carucates in demean, and one carucate, with an half acre of meadow belonging to the men, or tenants, four beasts for carriage, and a mule, &c. Also 18 socmen belonged to this manor, who had 2 carucates, valued at 20s.—at the survey at 30s.[8]—This was the account, (including what is above-mentioned in East *Rudham*,) of the land that the Earl had livery of, under the name of *Rudham* manor.

FERRER'S MANOR.

This lordship was in the family of *de Caineto*, or *Cheney*, and came by the marriage of *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *William Cheney*, son of *Ralph de Caineto*, to *Hugh de Cressi*, a *Norman*, in the reign of *Henry* II. whose son, *Roger de Cressi*, married *Isabel*, daughter and coheir of of *Hubert de Rie*, and widow of *Jeff. de Chester*. This *Roger* being with the barons, in arms against King *John*, his lands were seized, and given to *Robert de Ferrers;* and *Henry de Ferrers* was found to hold the fourth part of a fee in the reign of *Henry* the II. Sir *Guy de Ferrariis* was living in the 15th of *Edward* I. as was *Edmund de Ferrers*, of *West-Rudham*, in the 31st of the said reign, and *John de Ferrers* in the reign of *Edward* II. and one of the same name occurs in the 20th of *Edward* III.

In the 14th of *Edward* VI. a fine was levied between *William Berkham*, &c. querents, *John Batchelor* of West *Rudham*, *Henry Russell* of the same, and *Margaret* his wife, deforciants, of the manor of *Ferrers* in West *Rudham*, &c. settled on *John Batchelor* for life, remainder to *John Russell*, and *Margaret* his wife, in tail. This *Henry* was son of *William Russell*, son of *Thomas Russell* of *Littleport*, in the isle of *Ely*, Esq. and married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *John Batchelor*, of West *Rudham*, by *Isabel* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Ferrers*, Esq. lord of this manor by whom he had *Henry*, his son and heir, who, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of ———*Wallis*, left *William* his son and heir. The will of the said

[8] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna. In Rudeham. ten. Lambt. i. car. tre. qua. tenuit i. lib. ho. T.R.E. semp. i. vill. et xiiii. bord. tc. iii. serv. mo. ii. tc. in dnio. ii. car. modo i. semp. hom. i. car. dim. ac. pti. tc. iiii. runc. modo. v. et i. mulus. tc. vi. an. mo. xi. tc. xvi. porc. mo. xx. tc. cccc. et L. ovs. mo. ccc. Jacent huic man. xviii. soc. in ead. semp. ii. car. tc. val. xx. sol. mo. xxx. sol. h. fuit sibi libata. p. tra.

Henry is dated, *December* 19, 1318, and was buried in the church of St. *Peter's*, of West *Rudham*.

William Russell, Gent. lord of this manor, married *Agnes*, daughter of *Thomas Walpole*, Gent. of *Houghton*, and had by her *Thomas*, his son and heir; and by *Edith* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Austin*, of *West Rudham*, left *Henry* his son and heir, who took to wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Calybut* of *Coxford*, Esq. and was living in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and lord.

In the 13th of King *James* I. Sir *Robert Wynde*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, aliened to *Jane Berkeley*, widow, the manor of *West Rudham*, *April* 1st, and by an inquisition taken, *May* 6th, in the 13th of King *Charles* I. *Robert Daniel* was found to die seized of the manors of *Ferrers*, and *Northall*, in *West Rudham*, on *January* 10th, 1636, and *Robert* was his son and heir, aged five years, by *Anne* his wife.

CASTLEACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

WILLIAM Earl *Warren*, the second of that name, by his deed, *sans* date, confirmed, as capital lord, in the reign of King *William* II. the land which *William*, the priest of *Rudham*, held of *Lambert de Rosei*, and one knight's fee of the grant of the said *Lambert*, and remitted the service of the said fee;[9] this was, no doubt, the same *Lambert* who was lord at the survey, and had been enfeoffed of the same by the first Earl *Warren*. *William*, the third Earl *Warren*, gave *Alwin*, in *Rudham*, with all his substance, and *Godwin*, the smith, with his wife and children.

John de Querceto, or *Cheyney*, released the homage of *Jeffery*, brother of *Mathew*, to the prior of *Coxford*.

Eustace, seneschal of *Acre*, granted the reversion of all his lands in *Rudham*, after his death, on condition of being admitted a monk, if he should desire it.

William, son of *Roger de Gressenhale*, gave two of his men, or villains.

Geffrey, son of *Ordiner*, gave also lands here, and *Ralph de Necton* confirmed to them 42 acres in pure alms.

It was agreed by deed, *sans* date, that the small tithes of this lordship should belong to the priory of *Castleacre*, but the tithes of the corn, lamb, and wool, and cheese, should belong to *Coxford* priory, with the weif and stray, and the assise of bread and beer:—Witnesses Sir *Hervey de Stanho*, Sir *Henry de Ferrariis*, which shows it was in or about the end of the reign of *Henry* III. and for this one mark was to be paid *per ann.* to *Castleacre* priory. *Robert*, prior of *Castleacre*, remitted to *William*, prior of *Coxford*, their right in the manor of *East Rudham*.

In the 18th of *Edward* I. *Ralph de Dunton* gave a messuage and 47 acres of land, in *West Rudham*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. the prior held here half a fee in pure alms, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. here, and in *Bagthorp*, of the Earl of *Arundel*.

At the Dissolution, *Thomas*, the prior of *Castleacre*, conveyed it to

[9] Regist. Castleac.

King *Henry* VIII. in his 29th year; who, soon after, *December* 22*d* in the said year, conveyed it to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk;* and *Phillip* Earl of *Arundel,* in the 21st of *Elizabeth,* had license to alienate it to Sir *Roger Townsend,* whose direct heir and successour, the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend,* was lord, and now *George* Lord Viscount, his son.

NORTHALL, OR ST. FAITH'S MANOR.

PETER DE VALOINS held a manor also, of which *Turgis,* a freeman was deprived, who had half a carucate of land, with 3 bordarers, and one servus, and one carucate, and an acre of meadow, with four socmen, and six acres, valued at 10*s.*

From the family of *Valoines* it came to the Lord *Robert Fitz-Walter,* (by the marriage of *Gunnora,* daughter and heir of the Lord *Robert de Valoines,* who was lord of it in the reign of King *John,*) and he granted it to the priory of St. *Faiths,* of *Horsham;* and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior of St. *Faith's* had a lete. The prior, in the 20th of *Edward* III. held half a fee of the prior of *Coxford;* and their temporalities, in 1428, were valued at 9*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*

King *Henry* VIII. on February 16, in his 35th year, granted it to his beloved councellor, Sir *Richard Southwell,* and *Edward Elrington,* Esq together with the site of the priory of St. *Faith's,* in consideration of the nunnery of *Denney,* and the manor of *Waterbeach,* in *Cambridgeshire,* the manor of *Wood-Norton,* in *Norfolk,* &c. before granted to the said *Edward,* and which he had surrendered to the King, on *March* 16th, in the said year; and for 646*l.* 18*s.* paid to the treasurer of the augmentations, to be held by the 30th part of a .fee, and paying for this manor, 1*l.* 10*s. per ann.*

Richard Southwell, Esq. was lord in the 8th of *Elizabeth,* and in the 15th of *Elizabeth* had a *præcipe* to render to Sir *Thomas Cornwallis* his manor of *Northal,* in *West-Rudham.*

It was afterwards united to the manor of *Ferrers,* and was possessed by Sir *Roger Townsend* in 1588, in which family it remains.

Sir *Philip Calthorp,* by his will, dated *March* 27th, 1532, and proved *April* 7th, 1535, appears to be possessed of a lordship in the towns of *East* and *West Rudham,* which was formerly held by Sir *Edmund de* St. *Omer,* whose daughter and heir, *Sybilla,* brought it by marriage to Sir *John Wythe,* and his daughter and heir to Sir *John Calthorp,* of *Calthorp.* From the *Calthorps* it came to the *Parkers,* and Sir *Philip Parker* had livery of it about the 20th of *Elizabeth,*

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had also a lordship here in the *Rudhams,* which was a beruite to his manor of *Sedesterne,* containing two half carucates of land, valued in *Sedestern.*[2]

Robert Fitz-Roger held here, in *Linge* and *Mileham,* a fee and an

[1] Terre Petri Valoniensis.—Hund. de Brodercros.—In Rudeham tenet Turgis, i. lib. ho. de dim. car. tre. sep. iii. bor. et. i. ser. tc. i. car. post. et dim. mo. i. et i. ac. pti. et iiii. soc. de vi. ac. sep. dim. car. sep. val. x. sol.

[2] H. de Brodecross Terre Alani Comitis.——In Rudeham est beruita, huic man. dim. car. tre. et dim. car. et est in ptio. Scidestn. et tenet ide.

half, of the honour of *Richmond*, and paid castle-guard there 25*s* *per ann.*

The temporalities of *Coxford* priory here, valued at 32*s*. 4*d*. *per ann.* in 1428. These where granted to the Duke of *Norfolk*, with the impropriated rectory, the patronage of the vicarage, and after came to the *Townsends*, as above.

The tenths of *West Rudham* were 7*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.—Deducted 1*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.——Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, 3*s*. 6*d*.

The CHURCH of *West Rudham* is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and was given by *Hervey Belet* to the priory of *Coxford*, and appropriated thereto, who had a manse, with a carucate of land.

The rectory was valued at 26 marks; the prior of *Castleacre* had a portion in it, valued at one mark, and the prior of *Binham*, a portion valued at 2*s*. *per ann.* given by *Roger de Valoins*; and the vicarage at 5 marks.—*Peter*-pence, 12*d*.

The vicarage is now valued at 7*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

The chapel of *All-Saints*, in the churchyard of St. *Peter* of *West-Rudham*, is mentioned in 1493.

Thomas Austen, of *West Rudham*, by his will in 1557, was buried in the church. A gravestone, with a brass:

In memory of Henry Russell, of West Rudham, Esq; who died, September 3, 1606,

And in the chancel, a gravestone, for

Elizabeth Daniel, wife of Robert Daniel, of London, merchant, who died 1626.

VICARS.

Mr. *Godfrey*, vicar of *West Rudham*, and *Richard* his son, were found to have been killed, in the iter of the King's judges, *Ao.* 14th *Edward* I.

1305, *William de Rademelde*, vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Cokesford*.
1312, *Robart Chattocks*. *Ditto*.
1348, *Robert Weynold*. *Ditto*.
1349, *Thomas James*. *Ditto*.
1391, *John Smyth*. *Ditto*.
1395, *Barth. Benet*. *Dito*.
1401, *Steph. Honyter*. *Ditto*.
1404, *Nich. Chandeler*. *Ditto*.
1410, *N. Chandeler*, the Bishop, by *lapse*.
1414, *William Brown*, by the prior, &c.
1429, *Robert Insum*, the Bishop by *lapse*.
1431, *William Thurton*, by the prior, &c.
1448, *Dion. Iggys*, the Bishop, *a lapse*,
Thomas Spark.
1480, *Thomas Hempton*, by the prior, &c.
Thomas Spendeler.
1492, *Robert Robinson*. *Ditto*.
1498, *And. Waryn*. *Ditto*.

1504, *Thomas Sylesden.*
1506, *Robert Lawe. Ditto.*
1535, *Peter Stancliff. Ditto.*
1554, *William Blakey,* the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1555, *John Baymunt. Ditto.*
1560, *John Head,* by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*
1566, *John Muriel. Ditto.*
Richard Brazell.
1572, *Marm. Cholmeley,* by *John Blenerhasset,* &c.
1583, *Andrew Pilkington,* by *Roger Townsend,* Esq.
1616, *Richard Kettlewell,* by *Jane* Lady *Berkley,*
1625, *John Robotham,* by Sir *Roger Townsend,* Bart.
1639, *Michael Mylls,* the King, in the minority of *Roger Townsend,* Bart.
1659, *Henry Atkyns,* by *Hor. Townsend,* Bart.
1669, *Thomas Gibson. Ditto.*
1693, *Ant. Austen,* by *Charles* Lord *Townsend.*
1697, *William Marshall,* the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1704, *Robert Baldwin,* by *Charles* Lord *Townsend.*
1707, *Peter Guthry,* by *ditto.*
1720, *John Athil,* by Lord *Townsend.*
1721, *Robert Spencer. Ditto.*
1762, Mr. *Thomas Burslem.*
Here were the gilds of St. *Peter* and St. *John.*

RYBURGH MAGNA,

So called from its site, by the river, as RYSING, &c. was at the survey the lordship of *Peter de Valoins; Goerth,* the Saxon lord, in King *Edward's* reign, being deprived of it at the conquest; here were 2 carucates of land, held by one villain, and 11 bordarers, and 4 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and one among the men, paunage for 40 swine, 6 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. and *Ralph Facto* was enfeoffed of it by his lord, *Peter de Valoins.* A beruit belonged to it, *Toftes,* and valued with that, was worth in King *Edward's* time 4*l. per annum,* now at 5*l. Ryburgh* was 7 furlongs long, and 5 broad and paid 9¼*d.* gelt.[3]

GUERT, was Earl *Guert,* brother of King *Harold,* and slain with him at *Hastings.*

RALPH FACTO, or *Facatus,* was living in the reign of *Henry* I. and gave to *Bynham* priory, on the foundation of it by his lord,[4] (to tes-

[3] Terre Petri Valoniensis. H. de Brodercros.—In Reienburh tenet Radulfus Facto, quam ten. Goerth. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. i. vill. et xi. bor. et iiii. ser. et in dnio. ii. car. et houm. i. car. silva. ad. XI. por. vi. ac. pti. i. mol. sep. ii. r. mo. ix. an. sep. XL. por. tc. vii. ov. mo. LX. Huic man. ptinet. i. beruita, Toftes, &c. Reienburh hab. vii. qr. in long. et v. in lato, et viiii. d. et i. ferting in gelto, tc. val. iiii. lib. mo. v. lib.

[4] Reg. Bynham. 137, 164, &c.

tify his respect to him, and according to the practice of that age,) two parts of the tithes of his lordship, and leaving an only daughter and heir, *Agnes*, she brought it by marriage to the ancient family of *Monpinzun*; and in the 12th of *Henry* II. *Fulguonus*, or *Fulke de Monte Pincernon*, and *Agnes* his wife, were found to hold five fees of *Robert* Lord *Valoines*.

Ralph de Monpinzun was son of Sir *Fulke*, by *Agnes*, and left 2 sons, *Peter*, and *Fulke*, and *Amabilia*, a daughter, married to *William de Cley*.

Peter was father (as its said) of *John de Munpinzun*, who in the 56th of *Henry* III. granted to *John de Ryseby*, by fine, a messuage, 47 acres of land, one and an half of meadow, with a free fold in all his land, and common of pasture all the year, in all the pastures which lie between the pasture of *Testerton*, and the ditch of *John de Munpinzun*, on the south of the well, called *Byvereswell*, with liberty to dig turf, and cut grass in the moors, in the same bounds, and a free boat in all the waters lying before the said common, and the well called *Rygenewell*.

But it appears rather, that *Giles de Monpinchun* was father of Sir *John*, and probably a son of *Ralph*, the said *Giles* holding, in the 3d of *Henry* III. two knights fees here, and in *Naring*, that is, in *Snoring Parva*.

John de Munpinzun had a charter for free warren here, and in *Ingaldesthorp*, in the 9th of *Edward* I. and *John Gyles de Montpinzun* was his son and heir, and lord in the 18th and 27th of the said King, and father of *William de Munpinzun*, who in the 7th of *Edward* II. conveyed by fine this manor, with that of *Ingaldesthorp*, and the advowsons, to *Robert de Walkfare*, (certain lands being excepted, and messuages held by *Fulco Monpinzun*, and the 3d part of the said manor held by *Christian*, widow of Sir *Gyles*,) and in the following year he had a grant of free warren, in this town, *Ryburgh Parva*, *Snoring Parva*, *Gately*, and *Testerton*.

In the 18th of the said King, it was forfeited by *Robert de Walkfare*, (probably on his taking part with the Queen *Isabel*, and many of the barons, &c. against her husband King *Edward* II.) and in the said year a writ was granted, *May* 6, by the King, to enquire who gave the annual rent of 2 *marks per annum* out of the mills here, to the prior of *Binham*, which was of the gift of the ancestors of Sir *Gyles de Montpinzun*, this manor being seized by the King, on the rebellion of *Robert de Walkfare*; and *Walter de Calthorp*, with *John de Claver*, were assigned commissioners, and the inquisition being made in the 20th of that King, it was found that Sir *John de Mounpinzun* paid it, as did Sir *Gyles* his son; after whose death, the Earl *Warren* had the custody of this manor, and paid it also during the nonage of *William* son and heir of Sir *Gyles*; but they knew not whether *Robert Walkfare* paid it, because he was of the prior's family.

It appears that the said *Robert* was restored, most likely on the accession of King *Edward* III. and in his 6th year had a charter of free warren in *Baladon*, and *Farnham* in *Essex*, and *Iselham* in *Cambridgeshire*; he was son of *John de Walkfare*, and died before the 20th of the aforesaid King, when *Margaret*, his widow, held two fees in the *Riburghs*; Sir *Richard de Walkfare* was his son and heir, who by *Euphemia*, his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Morieux*, of

Suffolk, had *Alianore*, a daughter and heir, and also *Joan*, a daughter and coheir, (as it seems,) married to Sir *Thomas Felton*;[5] for in the 47th of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between Sir *Arnold Savage*, Sir *Nicholas Gernun*, Sir *William Wingfeld*, Knts. &c. querents, and Sir *Thomas Felton*, Knight of the Garter, deforciant, of the manors of *Dersingham*, and *Ingaldesthorp*, (which were found to be held by Sir *Richard de Walkfare*, by the eschaet rolls, in the 35th of that King,) also of the manors of *Wilby* in *Norfolk*, and of *Barton* in *Suffolk*, settled on them in trust. In the 8th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *Joan*, widow of Sir *Thomas Felton*, (who died in or about the 4th of that King) and Sir *John L'Estrange*, Knt. and *Alianore* his wife, daughter of Sir *Richard Walkfare*, of this manor, those of *Dersingham*, and *Ingaldesthorp*, who for 500*l.* conveyed the same to the Lady *Joan*, appearing by this to be a moiety of the said manors, &c.

Sir Stephen de Hales aliened to the prior of *Walsingham* his right in this manor, in the 8th of *Richard* II. for the founding a charity for Sir *Thomas Felton*.

In the 6th of *Henry* VI. this lordship seems to be in the *Cokerells*; and *Catherine*, widow of *John Cokerell*, senior, of *Ashfield* in *Suffolk*, possessed it; whose son *John* dying before her, left a daughter and heir, *Catherine*: she died possessed of it, and the advowson, in the 10th of the said King, and on an inquisition then taken, her heirs were said to be unknown.

I find that *Catherine*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Ickworth*, Esq. of *Ickworth* in *Suffolk*, who bore quarterly, *or*, and *gules*, on a bend, over all *vert*, three martlets of the first, was married to *John Cokerell*, Esq. of *Orford* in *Suffolk*, who bore,—*argent*, a cross between four cockerells, *gules*.

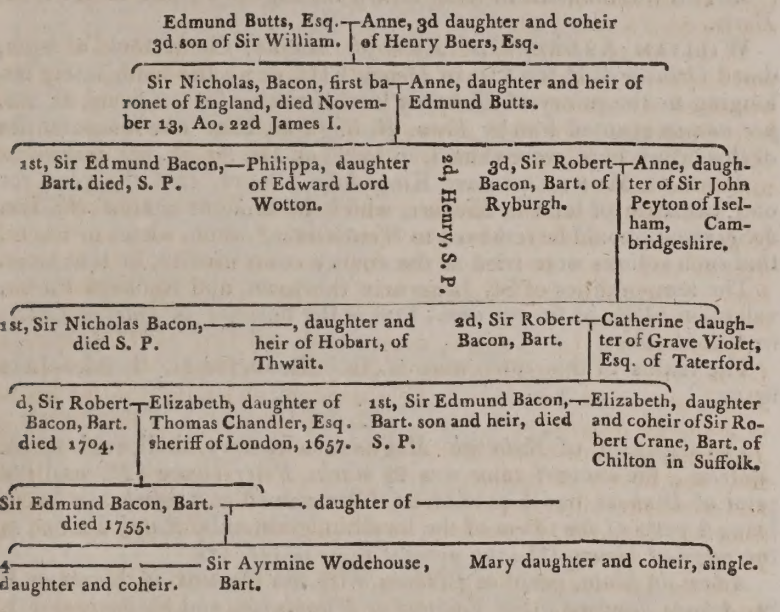
Thomas de La Grene, cousin and and heir of *William de la Grene*, vicar of *East Dereham*, in the 12th of *Henry* VI. released to *Hugh*, prior, and the convent of *Walsingham*, all his right in the manor of *Ryburgh Magna*, and *Parva*, with the advowson of the church of *Ryburgh*, and this manor and advowson, with a windmill, called *Southmill*, and liberty of foldage; with a manor in *Riburgh Parva*, lands and messuages there, and in *Geist*, *Geistdale*, *North Elmham*, *Gateley*, *Snoring*, *Testerton*, *Pencethorp*, and *Styberde*, on the payment of 4*l.* 7*s.* 1*d. per annum*.

On the Dissolution, King *Henry* VIII. on the 10th of *March*, in his 30th year, granted it to Sir *William Butts*, Knt. and *Margaret* his wife, daughter and heiress of —— *Bacon*, of *Cambridgeshire*, for life.[6] He was doctor of physick, educated at *Cambridge*, chief physician to the King, one of the founders of the college of physicians at *London*; in whose records he stands highly characterized for his eminent learning and knowledge, singular judgment, and great experience, and is much extolled for his learning, by many authors, who lived, in his time, was knighted by the name of *William Butts*, of *Norfolk*, and dying 17th of *November* 1545, was buried in the church of *Fulham*, by *London*. He left 3 sons; Sir *William*, the eldest, was lord of *Thornage*, in *Norfolk*, who married *Joan*, the eldest daughter and coheir of

[5] Of the Munpizuns, Walfares, &c. see in Ingaldesthorp.

[6] In a pedigree of the family of Sir Edmund Bacon Sir William Butts, M. D. is said to be father of Sir William, Thomas, and Edmund, by a daughter of Sir Clement Higham, chief baron of the Exchequer, which is most probable.

Henry Buers of *Aketon*, or *Acton*, in *Suffolk*, Esq.; he was eminent for his valour, and had an augmentation of honour on a canton in his arms, and was slain at *Musleburgh* field, in the 1st of *Edward* VI. *Thomas Butts*, Esq. the 2d son, was lord of this manor, and married *Bridget*, second daughter and coheir of *Henry Buers*, Esq. aforesaid, but dying without issue, as his elder brother Sir *William* did, *Edmund Butts*, Esq. of *Barrow*, in *Suffolk*, the third brother, was his heir, and lord of this town; and by *Anne*, third daughter and coheir of the aforesaid *Henry Buers*, had *Anne*, his only daughter and heir; who brought this lordship by marriage, to Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, of *Redgrave* in *Suffolk*, eldest son and heir of Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper of the great seal, by *Jane* his 1st wife, daughter of *William Fernley*, Esq. of *Cretynge*, in *Suffolk*, who was created the first Baronet of *England*, *May* 22, 1611, and Sir *Edward Bacon*, Bart. his descendant, died possessed of it.



Sir *Edmund Bacon* bore, *gules*, on a chief *argent*, 2 mullets *sable*; his crest, a bore passant, *ermine*; motto, *Mediocria Firma*.

Butts bore, *azure*, on a chevron, between three estoils *or*, as many lozenges, *gules*.

Buers, *ermin*, on a chief indented *sable* two lions rampant, *or*. Lord *Wotton*, *argent*, a cross ingrailed *sable*. —— *Peyton*, *sable*, a cross ingrailed *or*, and a mullet in the first quarter, *argent*. ——— *Crane*, *argent*, a fess between three cross crosslets, fitché, *gules*.

Munpinzun, *argent*, a lion rampant *sable*, on his shoulder, a martlet, *or*.

Walkfare, *argent*, a lion rampant *sable*, on his shoulder, a mullet, *or*.

Morieux, *gules*, on a bend *argent*, nine billets *sable*.

Chandler, fess wavy, between three de-lis —— rather cheque, *argent* and *gules*, on a bend, engrailed over all, *sable*, three lions passant, *or*.

Besides the great lordship of *Walsingham* priory, in *Ryburgh Magna*, abovementioned, it appears that they had also another little lordship, or lands, which *Fulco*, son of *Ralph de Monpinzun*, and *Amabilia* his sister, wife of *William de Cley*, gave to them in *Ryburgh Parva*, and here.[7]

In the 39th of *Edward* III. the prior had a lordship here, and in the reign of *Henry* IV. is said to hold two parts of a fee of the barony of *Valoins*, and to do homage to the Earl of *Arundel*, for his manor of *Ryburgh Magna*, to pay an 100*s.* in the name of a relief, and for the manor of *Wood-hall*, in *Riburgh Parva*, to pay 6*s.* for a relief, to the prior of *Binham* but no homage to be done, they being manors purchased by the prior of *Walsingham*, and worth 40 *marks per annum*.

All this was included in King *Henry* the Eighth's grant to Sir *Will. Butts*.

William Andrews of *Ryburgh Magna*, Gent. took a lease, dated *October* 4, in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. of all the lands lately belonging to the priory of *Hempton* in this town, for 18 years, at 20*s.* *per annum* granted him by *Fran. Bedingfield*, Esq. The temporalities of this priory here, were valued, in 1428, at 34*s.* 3*d. ob. per annum*.

Alan de Mundham gave King *John* a *mark*, that the plea for one carucate of land in *Rieburc*, which he brought against *William deSperham*, should be removed to *Westminster*,[8] which seems to imply, that such actions were tried in the county court usually, at that time.

The temporalities of St. *Lazarus* in this town, and *Ryburgh Parva*, valued in 1428, at 6*s.* *per ann.*; that is the hospital of *Burton Lazers* in *Leicestershire*.

The tenths of this town were 5*l.* 6*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—Lete fee 2*s.*

The Church of *Ryburgh Magna* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Andrew*; the ancient valor was 28 *marks*, *Peter*-pence 12*d.* and the prior of *Binham* had a portion of tithes valued at 6 *marks*, in 1428, being 2 parts of the tithes of the lorsdhip, granted by *Ralph Factor*, in the reign of *Henry* III.; the present valor is 14*l.* 17*s.*

Adam de Mota, prior of *Binham*, with the consent of the abbot of St. *Albans*, demised to Sir *Edmund de Munpinzun*, and his successours, rectors of *Ryburgh Magna*, with the consent of Sir *John de Munpinzun* the patron, 2 parts of the tithes of certain lands, &c. paying to the prior and convent 6 *marks per annum* at two payments, and it was confirmed by *Roger* Bishop of *Norwich*, and the chapter, in 1267.[9]

On the north side of the chancel, an altar tomb, with several arms, but no inscription; on a grave-stone near it,

Sir Robert Bacon, of Redgrave, in the county of Suffolk, Bt. deceased Dec. 16, 1655, *and Dame Anne, his wife, the* 27, *of* Sept. 1640.

[7] Regist. Walsingham, p. 113.
[8] Rot. Pip.
[9] Reg. Binham, fol. 171.

RECTORS.

1309, *John de Thefford*, presented to this rectory, by *John* Earl *Warren*, &c.

1318, *William de Redmeld*, by Sir *Robert Walkfare*, Knt.

1322, *Richard de Worcester*, by the King, the lands of Sir *Robert* being in his hands.

1322, *William de Langhale*. *Ditto*.

1331, *John de Brunsop*, by Sir *Robert Walkfare*.

1334, *John Lange*, by Lady *Margaret Walkfare*.

1356, *William Atte Grene*, by Sir *Emeric de Wellyngton*, Knt. and *William*, rector of *Ingaldesthorp*.

1373, *Henry Fityng*, by *Thomas de Thefford*.

1375, *Robert Wolsey*, by *Hugh Falstoff*, &c.

1380, *William Oxwyk*, by Sir *Thomas Felton*, Knt.

1390, *John Lenot*, by *Joan*, relict of Sir *Thomas Felton*.

1434, *Thomas Hunter*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1435, *John Coverdale*. *Ditto*.

1449, *Robert Salle*, by the prior and convent of *Walsingham*.

1457, *John Gedney*. *Ditto*.

1458, *John Southwell*. *Ditto*.

1465, *John Sherewyn*. *Ditto*.

1471, *Richard Hadylsey*. *Ditto*.

1482, *Thomas Palmer*. *Ditto*.

1494, *John Farewele*. *Ditto*.

1512, *Robert Newman*. *Ditto*.

1543, *Roger Overey*, by *William Butts*, Esq.

1554, *William Startweyte*, by *Thomas Butts*, Esq.

1568, *Richard Harris*, by the Queen.

1572, *Christopher Wilson*, by *Thomas Butts*, Esq.

1576, *Thomas Waterman*. *Ditto*.

1624, *William Withers*, by *Robert Bacon*, Esq.

1628, *Nath. Bacon*. *Ditto*.

1647, *Thomas Underwood*. *Ditto*.

1687, *John Spenser*, by the Lady *Elizabeth Bacon*.

1720, *William Perkins*, D. D. by Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart.

1722, *Samuel Rye*. *Ditto*.

1745, *Franc. Burton*. *Ditto*.

1758, *Edward Smallwell*, by Mrs. *Mary Bacon*, on the death of Mr. *Burton*, rector.

1760, *Charles Mordaunt*, on *Smallwell's* resignation, by *Mary Bacon*, spinster.

Here were the gilds of St. *Andrew*, St. *Thomas*, and his chapel; St. *John Baptist*, with their lights, and those of St. *Mary*, St. *Erasmus*, St. *Laurence*, St. *Catherine*, *Jesus*, St. *Peter*.

RYBURGH PARVA.

The Earl *Warren* had one socman here, and in *Stabrigge* (*Stiberd,*) who held 30 acres of land, and a carucate, and one acre of meadow, with the moiety of a church, endowed with 3 acres, valued at 5*s.* and 4*d.* and seems to be held of him by *Peter de Valoins,* his name being set over the words, as below.

In *Ryburgh* also, *Peter* held under the said Earl 8 socmen, who held one carucate of land, and there were one villain, and 6 bordarers, with 2 carucates, paunage for 20 swine, 2 acres of meadow, a mill, valued at 20*s.* and was of the fee of *Frederic,* before it came to the Earl.[1]

PAVELI'S MANOR.

This seems to be held by the ancient family of *De Paveli;* Sir *Philip de Paveli,* of *Riburgh Parva* was witness to a deed, *sans* date; but in the reign of *Richard* I. Sir *Ralph de Paveli* was his son, who gave lands to *Castleacre* priory, witnessed by *Prudence* his wife: of the said family was *Roger de Paveli,* who had a lordship in *Hillington,* and was a benefactor to the said priory, and to the abbey of *Derham,* in the reign of King *John.* In the 12th of *Henry* III. *Philip de Paveli* granted, by fine, to *Ralph,* his son, 80 acres of land, with a mill, who regranted it to *Philip* for life, and *Philip* covenants, that he would not mortgage, alien, &c. or commit any waste in the woods, carrs, &c. belonging to the land.

Richard, prior of *Binham,* and the convent, granted to this *Ralph,* and his heirs, the liberty of building a chapel in this house, in the parish of *Pyburgh Parva,* saving all right belonging to their church; and that the chaplain should admit none of the parishioners to any sacrament, and shall swear to be true to the mother church; and if any chaplain should with-hold any profit, then the prior to suspend him till a restoration.[2]

John de Paveli was son of Sir *Palph,* had free warren here, and in *Stiberd,* in the 3d of *Edward* I. and witness to a deed in the 6th of *Edward* I. He is said to hold here two parts of a fee of the heirs of *Comyn,* and of the barony of *Valoines,* of which the prior of St. *Faith* held the fourth part.

In the 31st of *Edward* I. *John,* son of *Palph de Pavely,* of *Riburgh Parva,* granted, by fine, to *William,* son of *John de Paveli,* 45 messuages, 2 mills, 362 acres of land, and an half, 12 acres of meadow,

[1] Terre Willi. de Warrena, Hund. de Galhou. Petrus Valoniensis, In Reieburh, i. soc. et in Stabrigge, al. de xxx. ac. tre. et i. car. i. ac. pti. dim. eccl'ia. iii. ac. et val. v. sol. et iiii. *d.*——Hund. de Brodercros.—In Reieburh. viii. soc, ten. Petrus de i. car. semp. i. vill. et vi. bord. et vi. car. Silva ad xx. porc. ii. ac. pti. i. molin. semp. val. xx. sol. h. e. de fedo Frederici.

[2] Regist. Binham, fol. 168.

one of moor, one of wood, 8*l.* 0*s.* 3*d. ob.* rent, in this town, *Stiberd, Testerton, Geyst, Gately, Pudding-Norton, Weston, Diddington,* and *Northwold,* and *William* regranted them to *John* for life.

Robert de Paveley held here the 3d part of a fee of *John de Norwich,* and he of the King, which *John de Pavely* formerly held of the Earl *Warren's* fee; and *John de Pavely* was found at the same time to have a third part of a fee of the said tenures, and *John de Rattlesden* also held 2 parts of a fee of the heirs of *Comyn,* of the barony of *Valoins,* which *Simon de Rattlesden* formerly held, and of which the prior of St. *Faith's* held the 4th part, *Ao.* 20th *Edward* III.

In the 46th of *Edward* III. *Elizabeth,* wife of *Richard Talbot,* ancestor of the Earls of *Salisbury,* held in demean 8 fees, as appears from the eschaet rolls in this town, *Sculthorp, Stiberde, Snetesham, North Barsham, Frenge Ingaldesthorpe, Dalling,* &c. *in capite;* she was daughter of *John Comyn,* of *Badenagh,* heir to *Valence* Earl of *Pembroke,* and held them of the castle of *Acre.*

John de Paveley of *Heynford,* by his will, dated 12th of the calends of *May,* 1379, bequeathed his body to be buried in the church of *All-Saints,* of this town, and was proved *July* 23d following;[3] and *John Pavely* of this town, by his will, dated 1421, and proved the 15th of *March,* 1522, was buried in the churchyard of the said church of *All-Saints.* Suit of court was paid to *Sculthorp* manor 17*s. per ann.* and 4 capons, about this time.[4]

Besides the family of *Pavely,* the family of *Wood-Dalling* held a part of this manor of the Earl *Warren,* and had a right in the patronage of the church, as will afterwards appear.

In the 4th of *Henry* VII. *Roger Townesend,* Esq. and *Anne* his wife, held this lordship, 8 messuages, 4 tofts, 2055 acres of land here, in *Stiberd, Wood-Norton, Fulmodeston, Geyst, Bathele, Gunthorpe, Barmere, Barwick, Stanhowe, North-Creke, Docking,* and *Chiphow:* in this family it remains, the Right Honourable Lord Viscount *Townsend* being the present lord.

BINHAM PRIORY MANOR.

The Lord *Valoins* had a lordship also in this town, granted to him by the Conqueror, out of which a freeman was ejected; *Tyrus* held it of the said lord, consisting, in King *Edward's* time, of a carucate of land, and 9 bordarers, 2 servi; there was also one carucate in demean, and one belonging to the men, &c. 4 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. valued at 40*s.* and was 3 furlongs long, 2 broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[5]

Tyrus, who was enfeoffed of this lordship under the Lord *Valoines,* was ancestor of the family of *Wood-Dalling,* and is sometimes called (as I take it) *Turold de Daling.*

Ralph, son of *Turald,* and *Roger* his son, gave the church of this

[3] Regist. Heydon, fol. 162.—Regist. Hurning, p. 2. fol. 95.

[4] Regist. Colleg. Mettingham, fol. 88.

[5] Terre Petri Valoniensis hund. de Galgou.——In Parva Reienburh tenet Tirus qm. ten. i. lib. ho. T. R. E. i. car. tre. tc. ix. bor. mo. vi. tc. ii. ser. semp. in dnio. i. car. tc. houm. i. car. mo. dim. Silv. vi. por. iiii. ac. pti. i. mol. tc. ii. r. mo. i. sep. viii. an. tc. iiii. por. mo. xi. tc. xxx. ov. mo. xx. sep. val. xl*s.* et ht. iii. qr. in long. et ii. in lat. et xii*d.* in gelto.

town, with that of *Wood-Dalling*, with 40 acres of land here, 8 in *Butaichescroft*, with the tenth, or tithe of the mills, to *Binham* priory.[6] This was confirmed by *Reginald de Warren*, (brother to the Earl *Warren*,) who was living in the reign of King *Stephen*: to *Ralph's* deed are witnesses,—*Reginald de Warren*, and *Alice* his wife, *William de Merlei*, cupbearer to the Earl of *Arundel*.

Reginald de Warren gave to the said priory 3 acres to build a house, wherein to lay their tithe.

Roger, son of *Ralph* aforesaid, confirmed to them the church of *Riburgh Parva*:—Witnesses, Lady *Juga* his wife, *Roger*, and *Roger* his sons, *William*, son of *Ralph*, *Peter* his brother: also he gave them 10*s*. rent here:—Witnesses, *Pagan* and *Roger*, parsons of the church, *Richard de Refham*, *Richard de Nugun*, *Geffrey*, son of *Gilbert* of *Laringsete*.

In the 1st of King *John*, *Thomas*, prior of *Binham*, let to *Ralph de Dalling* 40 acres of land here, paying 6*s*. rent *per ann*. and the said *Ralph*, in the 4th of that King, released 10 acres of land belonging to the church.

Peter Fitz-Ralph de Wood-Dalling gave to this priory, with the assent of *Thomas* his son and heir, and *Lefguena* his wife, lands here, called *Fenwong* and *Mulnewong*, and elsewhere, in the fields, &c. Witnesses, *Wimer*, the sheriff, *William de Kerdeston*, *Alexander* his brother, *William de Gunthorp*, *Reginald* his brother, &c. and *Lefguena*, by another deed, confirmed it. Witnesses, *Almer*, the sheriff, &c.

Sir *Philip de Pavylli* confirmed to them the church of *Ryburgh Parva*: which he had impleaded them for, in the King's court, and levied a fine thereof, in the reign of *Richard* I.

Geffrey, prior of *Binham*, granted the church to *Reginald* and *Philip*, sons of *Alan*, the priest of *Riburgh Parva*, with the tithes.

Roger, son of *Andrew* of *Ryburgh Parva*, gave all the land he held in this town of Sir *Ralph de Dalling*, and the lands held of *Agnes*, mother of the said *Ralph*, with the lands held of *Ralph*, son of *Geffrey*, of *East-Barsham*, &c.

The son of *Peter Fitz-Ralph* gave them lands here.

The prior demised to *Richard* the chaplain, for life, so long as he should keep the secular habit, 8*s*. *per ann*. all the small tithes of the demeans, formerly *Ralph de Monpinzun's*, and of his men in this town.

Henry, son of *Ralph Sculting* of *East-Barsham*, gave them 12*d*. rent here: Witnesses, Sir *Gyles de Munpinzun*, *John* his son, Sir *Ralph de Pavely*, *John* his son, *James de Riburgh*, &c.

The temporalities of the priory, in this town, were valued at 37*s*. and in *Ryburgh Magna*, at 36*s*. and 8*d*. in 1428.

At the Dissolution, it came to the *Pastons* of ———, and after to the *Bacons*; and Sir *Edmund* died seized of it.

ST. FAITH'S, OR HORSHAM-PRIORY MANOR.

In the 6th of *Edward* I. the prior held the fourth part of two parts of a fee of the barony of *Valoines*, probably granted by the Lord *Robert Fitz-Walter*, about the reign of King *John*, having married *Gunnora*, daughter and heir of *Robert* Lord *Valoines*.

[6] Regist. Binham.

Their temporalities, valued, in 1428, at 47*s. per ann.*

At the Dissolution, it was granted *December* 3, *Ao.* 35th *Henry* VIII. to *Robert and Giles Townsend*, Esqs. on the payment of 29*s.* and 3*d. ob. per ann.*; they were younger sons of Sir *Roger Townsend*, who soon after had license to alienate it to Sir *Roger*, their brother; and Sir *John Townsend* was found to die possessed of it, in the 1st of King *James* I. in which family it remains, the Right Honourable Lord Viscount *Townsend* being lord.

WOOD-HALL MANOR.

Of this some account has been mentioned; it was in the priory of *Walsingham*, and extended into *Great Ryburgh*, if not a part of that manor.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior held here 2 parts of a fee, and was part of the Lord *Valoine's*.—At the Dissolution, it was granted to Sir *William Butts*, M. D. from whose family it came to the *Bacons*.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were, in 1428,[7] valued at 10*s.* 6*d. per ann.* *Ralph de Pavili* gave 3*s.* rent, to whose deed *Prudence* his wife was a witness. The temporalities of the abbey of *Creke* 5*s.* 8*d. ob. q.*

The tenths were 2*l.* 15*s.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 12*d.*

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a rectory appropriated to the priory of *Binham*, its old valor being 13 marks, and had a manse, with 5 acres; the vicarage valued at 4 marks. *Peter*-pence 11*d.*—Present valor 7*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* and called a rectory.

The rectory was granted by King *Henry* VIII. in his 33d year, to Sir *Thomas Paston*, Knt. with the patronage of the vicarage.

William Turbe Bishop of *Norwich* granted this church, with all its appertenances, to *Alan*, clerk, on the presentation of *Ralph*, son of *Turold de Dallyng*, lord of the manor.

VICARS.

Alan de Riburgh, instituted vicar 1307. presented by the prior and convent of *Bynham*.
1308, *Hervey de Rudham*. *Ditto.*
1314, *Simon Lents*. *Ditto.*
1349, *Robert le Warner*. *Ditto.*
1351, *Henry Smith*. *Ditto.*
1351, *Ralph Gode*. *Ditto.*
1361, *Henry Roman*. *Ditto.*
1366, *William Speke*, or *Peche*. *Ditto.*
1372, *Simon Nyde*. *Ditto.*
1380, *John Rothwell*, by the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1384, *Hugh Fysche*, by the prior, &c.
1397, *John Tyd*. *Ditto.*
1412, *Robert Storm*. *Ditto.*
1423, *George Smith*. *Ditto.*

[7] Regist. Castleacr, fol. 56.

1431, *Roger Hill*, by the prior, &c.
1434, *William Hillys*. *Ditto*.
1461, *Roger Cook*. *Ditto*.
John Hogon.
1485 *William Bauke*. *Ditto*.
1493, *Robert Janson*. *Ditto*.
1502, *Geffrey Howes*. *Ditto*.
1516, *Robert Grey*. *Ditto*.
1519, *Robert Sylvestre*. *Ditto*.
1521, *Henry Davyes*. *Ditto*.
1524, *Robert Newman*, *Ditto*.
1532, *Godfrey Cosigne*. *Ditto*.
Thomas Lyne.
1554, *Thomas Brewer*, by *Edward Fitz-Garret*, Esq. and *Agnes Paston* his wife.
1561, *John Heath*. *Ditto*.
1607, *Edward Moor*, by *Edward Paston*, Esq.
1621, *Leonard Helaghe*, by *Thomas Paston*, Esq.
1728, *Edward Turner*, by Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart.
1740, *Metyer Reynolds*. *Ditto*.
1758, *Edward Smallwell*, by Mrs. *Mary Bacon*.
1760, *Charles Mordaunt*. *Ditto*.

SCULTHORP

Was a lordship belonging to the Earl *Warren*, but *Toke*, a great *Saxon* Thane, held it of the fee of *Frederick*, in the reign of the Confessor, 3 carucates of land belonged to it, 12 villains, and 84 bordarers, with 6 servi, &c. 5 carucates amongst the men, paunage for 20 swine, 4 acres of meadow; 8 mills, with 4 runci, or beasts for burden. Thirty socmen also belonged to this manor, with their customary dues, with a carucate and an half, and 4 carucates; and two other socmen held 40 acres in *Toffas*, and under these were 12 bordarers, with an acre and a half, and 2 carucates, and a church endowed with 40 acres; the whole valued in King *Edward's* time at 6*l*. and after, at 10*l*. *per ann.* but farmed at 15*l*. but was not able to raise that sum. It was half a leuca long, and the same in breadth, and paid 6*d*. gelt; and there were 12 mares that went in the woods, valued at 12*s*. a church, with 60 acres.[s]

[s] Tre. Willi. de Warenna hundret. de Galhou. Sculetorpa tenuit Toka de fedo Fretherici, T.R.E. iii. car. tre. semp. xii. vill. et xxxiiii. bord. tnc. vi. serv. modo. iii. tnc. et p. iii. car. mo. iiii. sep. hom. v. car. Silva ad xx. porc. iiii. ac. pti. iii. molin. qn. recep. iiii. runc. modo vi. tc. vi. an. modo xx. tnc. xl. porc. modo xx. tnc. c. ovs. modo cccc. et xxx. soc. jacent huic man. cu. oi. consuetudine manentes. i. car. et dim. terre semp. iiii. car et ii. al. soc. de xl. ac. manentes in Toffas, et sub ipsis xii. bord. et i. ac. et dim. semp. ii. car. i. ecclia.

It is called in the book of *Domesday*, *Sculetorpa*, a thorp on a shole, or shallow stream, or water.

The family of *De Pavili*, or *Pavilleys*, were, soon after the conquest, enfeoffed of several lordships by the Earls *Warren*, and of *Surrey*, and, as I take it, of this. *Ralph de Pavili* lived in the reign of *Henry* I. and was a benefactor to the priory of *Castleacre*.[9] *Thomas de Pavely*, a Norman, held this lordship, with a moiety of that of *Stiberd*, in the 3d of *Henry* III. *Eustachia de Pavely* was in possession of it, in 34th of that King, as appears by a fine, and distreyned *Alured le Merchant* for suit of court; and in the 41st of the said reign *John* Earl *Warren* is said to hold it, by the grant of the King, on the death of *Reginald de Pavely*, a Norman, and was valued at 24*l per annum*, held with *Styberd*, by the 3d part of a fee. This *Reginald* died in his journey to *Jerusalem*.

In 1262, *John* Earl *Warren*, by deed, granted to the monks of *Castleacre*, this manor, from the feast of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, for one whole year, for 242 marks, to be repaid by him on the said feast, in 1263; and, in default, to remain to them in perpetual alms. And the said Earl, in the 3d and 15th of *Edward* I. was found to have the assise, free warren, and other liberties, &c. with a moiety of *Styberd*, of the gift of King *Henry* III.

John Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, by deed, dated at *Lincoln*, *August* 5, in the 10th of *Edward* II. gave to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and dame *Katherine*, his wife, this manor and advowson, in exchange for that of *Skredington*, in *Lincolnshire*;[1] and the King confirmed the grant by letters patent, dated at *Lincoln*, *Aug.* 8th, in the said year. Sir *John de Norwich*, son of Sir *Walter*, settled it in the 4th of *Edward* III. on himself, and *Thomas* and *Roger*, his brothers, in tail; and Sir *John* was lord in the 20th of that King. This Sir *John* had, by *Margaret* his wife, a son *Walter*, who died before his father, leaving a son *John*, by *Walenna* his wife, daughter of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and heir to his grandfather.

By an inquisition taken at *Walsingham*, on *Thursday* next after the feast of St. *Luke* the Evangelist, in the 48th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Norwich* was found to die seized of this lordship, with a messuage not valued, a pigeon-house, valued at half a *mark per ann.* a water-mill, at 26*s.* and 8*d.*; 260 acres of land, valued at 65*s. per annum* at 3*d. per* acre. Court and lete, at 15*s.*; of rent assise, 8 *marks*. He is said to have died on the feast of the circumcision, then last past, and *Catherine Brews*, daughter of Sir *Thomas de Norwich*, son of Sir *Walter* and *Catherine*, and brother of Sir *John*, was his cousin and heir; who by her deed at *London*, on *Saturday* after the feast of St. *Valentine*, in the 49th of the said King, granted to *John Daventre*, parson of *Broom*, and *Edmund de Lakyngheth*, this manor, having paid to the King 20 *marks* license for so doing, on condition of their paying to her, and her heirs, 40*l. per annum* for the same. This *Catherine* was the widow of ——— *Brews*, of *Salle*, in *Norfolk*, and at this time had took the veil, being a nun, in the priory of *Dertford*,

xl. ac. tc. val. vi. lib. et p. mo. x. sed fuit ad firma. xv. lib. s. ii. potuit reddere. et ht. in longo dim. lg. et dim. in lato. et vid. de gelto, et xii. eque. sil vatrices, et val. xii. sol. ecclie. xl ac.

[9] Regist. Castleacr. fol. 137.

[1] Regist. Coll. Mesingham. fol. 33.

in *Kent;* on *May* 18, in the first of *Richard* II. she resigned all her right and claim thereto; and the said *John* and *Edmund* had license on *June* 27, in the 4th of that King, to enfeoff Sir *Robert Knollys* and *Constance* his wife, in the same.

As this Sir *Robert* was a person of remarkable merit and eminency for his conduct and valour in his time, and as he lived and died at his manor-house in this town, I shall take the liberty of inserting several occurrences of his life, that I have met with, from old evidences. He is by most authors said to be born of mean parentage in the county of *Cheshire,* though *Dugdale* seems to suggest the contrary, as if descended from a family of note, or account, in their times; he was at first however a person of low fortune, but betaking himself to a military life, he became an eminent commander under King *Edward* III. In the wars of *France,* from being a common soldier, and acquired great fortunes; had a grant of *White-castle,* and that of *Fenchery,* in *Britanny,* and in the 32d of that King, took the city of *Auxerre,* &c. for the King of *Navarre.* In 1360, *Constantina* his wife sailed over into *Britanny,* and carried to his assistance 20 men of arms, 14 archers, on horseback, &c. and had provided for him, at her own charge, 3 ships and 2 crays; and in 1365, *John* Duke of *Britanny,* for his services, gave him many lands, &c.—In the 44th of the said reign, he was retained to serve the King again, in the wars of *France,* for two years, from the nativity of St. *John Baptist,* in 1370, with 2000 men of arms, and 2000 archers; none of the men to be raised out of *Northumberland, Durham,* or *Westmorland;* and so great was the destruction he made, that the sharp points, and gable-ends of the houses, &c. that he overthrew, were called *Knowles Mitres.* In the 2d year of King *Richard* II. he was with *John* Duke of *Lancaster* in his *Spanish* expedition, and had letters of protection, then dated *July* 16, being a Knight of the Garter.

In the 4th of *Richard* II. he had a grant of the manor of St. *Pancras* in *Middlesex,* to him, and his wife *Constantia,*[2] and for his good services in subduing *Wat Tyler's* rebellion, was enfranchised a member of the city of London, in the said year; and having made a vow to go to *Rome,* had, in the 13th of that King, a license for himself and 12 persons, and for what money he would by a bill of exchange, and to stay there as long as he would, with protection for all his lands, tenants, and servants, during the time of his absence. In the 3d of *Henry.* IV. *John Gerneys* released to him, and Sir *Hugh Brown,* Knt. 2 messuages, and 34 shops, in the parish of St. *Mary,* at *Hill,* in *Billingsgate Ward, London,* to be settled on Sir *Robert's* college, or hospital, at *Pontefract* in *Yorkshire.*

He died full of years, aged 92, at his manor-house in this town, (*Grafton* says at *London,*) on *August* 15, 1407, and was honourably buried in the body of the church of the *Carmelite-friars,* in *Fleet-street, London,* by his *Lady Constantia.* Who this lady was does not appear, from any historian that I have seen. In the church of *Harpley* and in this of *Sculthorp,* are arms of Sir *Robert,* who bore, for the most part, *gules,* on a chevron, *argent,* three roses of the first seeded, *or,* impaling argent, a fess dauncé, between three leopards faces, *sable,*

[2] In exchange for 40*l. per ann.* rent issuing out of the manor of Dunstal in Kent.

bore by *Beverly*, a family of good account in *Yorkshire*, which I presume was her name, *Leland* says she was of mean birth, and born at *Pontfract*, in *Yorkshire*, and prevailed on her husband to found the college there, and not at *Sculthorp*, as he intended.[3] As a Knight of the Garter, he had supporters to his arms:—two naked savages, standing by two trees; the crest a ram's head, as appears from his seal.

Sir Henry Chauncy relates, that he left *Thomas* his son, who married *Margaret*, daughter of————, widow of *John Chichely*, chamberlain of *London*, who had issue, *Robert Knowles*, heir to Sir *Robert*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *William Troutbeck* of———— in *Cheshire*, and left a daughter and heir, *Anne*, married to *Henry Frowyk*;[4] but from a manuscript that I have seen, *Margaret* aforesaid, widow of *John Chicheley*, was the daughter of *William Knowles*, citizen and grocer, of *London*, by whom she had three daughters and coheirs; *Christian*, married to *John Harvey*; *Agnes*, to *William Kenes*; and *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Thomas Kiriel*. *Dugdale* says, that from this Sir *Robert* descended the *Knowles* Earls of *Banbury*, in the time of King *Charles* I. but this does not appear clearly and that family, is it certain, bore a different arms.[5] It seems more probable that he had a daughter and heir, *Emme*, or *Margaret*, married to *John Babington*, Esq. of *Ardington*, in *Devonshire*, 5th son of Sir *John Babinton*, and *Bennet* his wife, daughter and heir of *Symon Ward* of *Cambridgeshire*. He had also a brother *Thomas*, who married *Isabella*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Northcote*, from whom descend the *Knowles* of *Cold-Ashby*, in *Northamptonshire*.[6]

He obtained in the wars of *France* such immense wealth, that King *Richard* II. pawned several of most valuable jewels, and silver vessels to him; and as his fortunes were great, so were his charitable acts and works equal to them. He built the stately bridge at *Rochester* over the *Medway*, with a chapel, and a chantry at the east end of it; the churches of *Sculthorp*, and *Harpley*, and re-edified the conventual church of the *White-friars*, for the most part. In the 4th of *Richard* II. he had license to amortise to the *Carthusian* priory, in *London*, 40*l. per ann.* out of the manor of *Dunstall* in *Kent*. In the 8th of that King, license was granted to him, and *Constantia* his wife, to found the college of *Pomfret*, in a house of theirs, and the King then incorporated them; and on *June* 11, in the 10th of *Richard* II. Sir *Robert* granted to *Robert Braybrook* Bishop of *London*, Sir *John Cobham*, Knt. *John Drew*, clerk, and *John Seymer*, of *London*, all his manors, lands, tenements, advowsons, &c. in *Norfolk*;—*Witnesses*, Sir *Robert Ilneye*, Sir *Robert Mortimer*, Sir *John de Tudenham*, Sir *John de Clifton*, Knts. and *Jeff. Fransham*, Esq. This was in order to settle them on the aforesaid college.

In the 8th of *Henry* IV. Sir *Robert* conveyed by fine to his trustees *John Drew*, and *John Seymour*, of *London*, this lordship, with those of *Dunton Kettleston*, *Taterford*, *Taterset*, and *Burnham*, &c. and by an inquisition, taken at *East Rudham*, in *Norfolk*, in the said year, on *Tuesday* after the annunication of the *Virgin*, before *William Roos*

[3] Lelend's Itin. p. Hearne, p. 40, vol. i.
[4] Hist. of Hertfordshire, p. 529.
[5] Baron. v. 22. p. 41.
[6] Reg. Bermondsey.—Sir Hen. St. George's visitation of Cambridgeshire.

the King's eschaetor, it was found that it would not be to the King's loss, &c. if he granted license to *John Drew*, parson of *Harpley*, and *John Seymer* of *London*, to give and assign to *John Stedman*, master, or custos, and the chaplains of the college of the Holy *Trinity*, called *Knolles Almeshouse*, in *Pontfract*, and their successours, the manors of *Sculthorp*, *Dunton Kettleston*, *Taterford*, *Burnham Overy*, with the appertenances, and the advowsons of the churches of *Dunton cum Doketon*, *Taterford*, and *Sculethorp*, for their maintenance, and that of the poor men therein, serving God; and it was then found that this lordship was held in *capite*, by the third part of a fee, and valued at 20*l. per ann.* beyond all reprises.[7]

LELAND observes that it was a college, with an hospital joined to it; in the college was a master, with 6 or 7 prestes, and in the hospital, 13 poor men and women, and was valued at 180*l. per ann.* Besides the messuages, &c. in *London*, &c. abovementioned; there was also one in *Darlington*, settled on the said hospital.

On the dissolution of the said hospital, this lordship, with the a vowson of the rectory, was granted *May* 17, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. to Sir *William Fermer*, and Sir *Richard Fulmerston*; Sir *William* dying seized of it, it came to his nephew, *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. of *East-Barsham*, who in the 24th of *Elizabeth*, aliened by license 5 messuages, 6 tofts, 200 acres of land, 147 of pasture, in this town, and *Fakenham*, to *Salathiel Kyndersley*, clerk.—*William Fermor*, Esq. son of *Thomas*, was lord in 1627, whose daughter and heir, *Mary*, being married to *James Calthorp*, Esq, he was lord in her right, and she dying without any surviving issue, it came to his son, Sir *Christopher Calthorp*, who died seized of it 1717, and by his daughters and coheirs, to Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, Bart. and on his death to Sir *Henry*, his brother. as in East *Barsham*, and on his death to his two sisters, and their heirs.

ALAN Earl of *Richmond*, at the survey, had 15 acres of land in this town, valued at 20*d.* which, as I presume, was also possessed by, and went along with, the lords of this manor of *Sculthorp*, as I find no further account of it.[8]

The tenths were, 4*l.* 7*s.* Deducted 7*s.* Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 18*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary* or *All-Saints*, the ancient valor was 50 *marks*, and the prior of *Lewes* had a portion of 40*s. per ann.* out of it, of the gift of the Earl *Warren*, and valued in the rectory; *William* Earl *Warren* was patron, in the reign of *Edward* I. when the rector had a manse, with 80 acres of land,——*Peter*-pence 6*d.*

The present valor is 16*l.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

In the chancel, on a brass,

Here lyeth Syr George Brown,
Sometyme parish priest of this town.

Hic jacet Henricus Unton, Gentlemen, quondam Chirographus Domini Regis de B'anco qui obijt 27, *Aug.* 1470, on a brass.

[7] Regist. Coll. Trin. de Pontefr. fol. 22. in Coll. Regin. Ox.

[8] Terre Alani Comitis. —— In Sculatorpa, xv. ac. et. val. xxd.

In the middle isle,

Orate p. aiab; Joh. Stylyrd, et Margarete uxor ejus.

In the church were these arms, p· pale, *argent* and *gules*, a lion rampant, *ermine*, *Norwich*, lords of this town. Of *Edward* the Confessor, *Mortimer* of *Attleburgh*, *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, impaling, quarterly, *Castile* and *Leon*, *Beauchamp*, *Erpingham*, *Thomas* of *Woodstock* Duke of *Gloucester*, *Stafford*, *Fellbrig*, and *gules*, three bars gemelles, *or*, on a canton *argent*, five billets *sable*, *Inglos*; *Woodhouse*; and *argent*, a fess ingrailed, between three *Catherine*-wheels, *sable*; *gules*, on a chevron *argent*, three roses of the first, seeded *or*; also the said arms, with a bordure *azure*, bezanty, *Knowles*, impaling, *argent*, a fess dauncette between three leopards faces *sable*, *Beverly*, in many places, wife of Sir *Robert*.

The temporalities of *Fakenhamdam* priory were 17*d*.

In 1243, the Lady *Eustachia Pavele* was patroness.

RECTORS.

Henry de Dunton, rector, about the reign of King *John*.

1314, *John de Cleye*, instituted rector, presented by *John* Earl *Warren*.

1324, *Walter de Thirston*, by Sir *Walter de Norwich*. In the 10th of *Edward* II. *John* Earl *Warren* granted it to Sir *Walter* and his lady.

1348, *William de Mortimer*, by Sir *John de Norwich*.

1349, *William de Bergh*. *Ditto*.

1350, *Greg. de Hederset*. *Ditto*.

1380, *John Boys*, by Sir *Richard Grene*, Knt.

1394, *John Hervy*, by *Robert* Bishop of *London*.

1396, *Ed. Beny*. *Ditto*.

1408, *Henry Atte Miln*, by *Pomfret* college.

1409, *John Hamstelly*. *Ditto*.

1425, *John Swanwych*. *Ditto*.

1448, *Robert Thornton*. *Ditto*.

1458, *John Hardysh*. *Ditto*.

1491, *Thomas Percyval*. *Ditto*.

1494, *John Hunter*. *Ditto*.

1510, *Richard Neweth*. *Ditto*.

1538, *Thomas Dunnying* L.L.B. by *Robert Hogan*, Esq. assignee of *Pomfret* college.

1555, *David Moresby*, by Sir *William Faremore*.

1556, *John Barker*. *Ditto*.

1558, *Thomas Hawe*. *Ditto*.

1558, *Andrew Cole*, by *Catherine Fayremore*, widow.

1564, *Lanc. Yelverton*, by *Henry Yelverton*, and *Thomas Cocket*, Esq.

Salathiel Kindersley occurs rector 1609.

1625, *John Quarles*, archdeacon of *Northampton*, by *Fran. Quarles*, Esq. assignee of *Henry Yelverton*, Esq.

1666, *John Quarles*, by *Fran.* and *George Quarles*.

1666, *Robert Quarles*, by *John Quarles*, S. T. B.

1667, *Clement Heigham*, by *John Quarles*, S. T. B.
1686, *Richard Holland*, by *Ann Quarles*, widow.
1689, *John Quarles*. *Ditto*.
1694, *John Watson*, by *William Quarles*, clerk.
1697, *William Forster*. *Ditto*.
1700, *John Frankling*. *Ditto*.
1704, *Richard Warner*, by *Robert Donne*, Gent.
1705, *Thomas Donne*. *Ditto*. He sold the patronage to Mr. *Daniel Jones*, attorney of *Fakenham*.
1739, *Robert Donne*, by *John Howes*, Esq.

The monks of *Lewes*, in defence of their portion of tithe, produced the grant of *William* Earl *Warren*, the deed of *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, the confirmation of Pope *Eugenius*, the deed[9] of *William de Pavele*, rector of *Sculthorp*, who hired the same of the monks for life, and *Nicholas*, rector, held the same for life, paying 4 *marks per ann.* dated 1219.

The patronage is now in *Daniel Jones*, Gent. attorney of *Fakenham*.

SHEREFORD.

In *Domesday Book* it is wrote *Sciraforda*, that is a ford, over a clear water; thus *Sherbourn*, *Sharing*, or *Charing*, *Charleton*, &c. and was the lordship of the Earl *Warren*, and held by 6 freemen, in King *Edward's* time, who were deprived of it on the Conquest. Six bordarers held of them 2 carucates, and 2 acres and an half of meadow; there was a church endowed with 12 acres, and was valued at 10*s*. but at the survey at 20*s*. *per ann*. was 3 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 9*d*. *ob*. gelt, and came to the Earl by some exchange at *Lewes* in *Sussex*.[1]

In the reign of *Henry* III. it appears, that there were two lordships in this town, one held in the 35th of that King, by Sir *Hugh de Plays*, and another by *Thomas de Snitterton*; *Plays* manor was held of the Earl *Warren*, as above-mentioned, but *Snitterton's* was the manor of *Taterford*, that extended into this town.

Sir Richard de Plays and his tenants held here, in *Toftes*, &c. 3 fees of the Earl *Warren*, and by the marriage of *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Plays*, with Sir *John Howard*, was brought into that family, who died possessed of it, in the 16th of *Henry* VI. and *Elizabeth* Countess of *Oxford*, his grandaughter, was his heir; and her grandson, *John* Earl of *Oxford*, dying without issue, it came to his three sisters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, wife of Sir *Anthony Wing-*

[9] Reg. Lewes, in Bibl. Cotton. p. 281, &c. now in the Museum,

[1] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna. hund. de Brodercross.——In Sciraforda, i. car. tre. tenuer. vi. lib. hoes. T.R.E. semp. vi. bord. semp. ii. car. ii. ac. et dim. pti. i. ecclia. xii. ac. tc. val. x. sol. modo reddit. xx. et ht. iii. qr. in longo. et iii. in lato. et ixd. et obolu. in gelto. h. e. p. escangio de Laquis.

field, Dorothy, wife of *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer,* and *Ursula,* wife of Sir *Edward Knightley,* and the said *Ursula* dying without issue, her part came to the *Wingfields* and Lord *Latimer,* who were lords of it in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth.*

The other part of this manor, which was held by *Thomas de Snetterton,* was, in the 35th of *Edward* I. possessed by *Roger Breton,* and *Alice* his wife, who held here and in *Taterford,* &c. one knight's fee; of this see in *Taterford.*

The family of the *Townsends* were after lords of *Plays* manor, in *Shereford,* in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth;* and Sir *Roger Townsend,* Bart. in 1630, in which family it remains, the Right Honourable *George* Lord Viscount *Townsend* being the present lord.

In this town was a watermill, with 20 acres of land, held of Sir *John Howard's* manor, which belonged to *Knolles* hospital, at *Pontfract,* and at the dissolution of it, were granted to Sir *William Fermer,* and Sir *Richard Fulmerston, A°.* 3d of *Edward* VI. *May* 14, and was part of the manor of *Taterford.*

The tenths were 3*l. per ann.*

The temporalities of *Fakenhamdam* priory 15*s.* 8*d.* Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, 6*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. *Nicholas,* and valued at 12 marks.—*Peter*-pence, 10*d.*—The prior of *Lewes* had a portion of tithe, valued at 26*s.* 8*d. per ann.* The present valor is 9*l.*

RECTORS.

1302, *Thomas Gosdespais,* rector, presented by the prior and convent of *Lewes.*
1315, *Jeffrey Godwyn. Ditto.*
1349, Mr. *Thomas de Schirford. Ditto.*
1401, *John Seymour. Ditto.*
1410, *William Garnet. Ditto.*
1416, *Reginald Peper. Ditto.*
1421, *John Cok. Ditto.*
1436, *Thomas Clerk, Ditto.*
1442, *William Thorlowe. Ditto.*
14—, *David ap Jer.* and *Murich,* by the Bishop, *a lapse.*
1460, *William Reston,* by the Bishop.
1721, *John Branthwait,* by Lord *Townsend.*

Roger Davy, goldsmith of *London,* gave by will, 1473, 10*l.* to cover the steeple.

SEDISTERN.

THIS town belonged principally to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, at the grand survey; *Alpha*, who was lord of it in King *Edward's* reign, being deprived of it. It contained 3 carucates of land, 14 bordarers, with 3 carucates in demean and 2 carucates of the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow, &c. then valued at 60*s. per ann.* It was 10 furlongs long, and 8 broad, and paid 13*d.* gelt, and *Facicon* or *Phanceon* held it under *Alan*.[2]

This *Alan* was also Earl of *Britany* in *France*, a principal commander in the decisive battle near *Hastings*, and married *Constance*, one of the daughters of *William* the Conqueror: *Dugdale* says he had a younger son, *Brian*; *Dugd. Baron.* V. i. p. 53, but p. 46, says that the said *Alan* died without issue. *Brian* had issue *Alan* called *Alan Fitz-Brian*, father of *Brian Fitz-Alan*. By this family, the *Kerdestons* were enfeoffed of this lordship, (of whom see in *Bircham Newton*,) *Fulco de Kerdeston* was lord in the reign of *Henry* III. *Agnes*, his widow, held it by one fee, and paid 10*s. per ann.* to *Richmond* castle-guard, in the 10th of *Edward* I. and in the 16th *Brian Fitz-Alan* granted it to her in fee tail, by fine, excepting the advowson.

On *Brian's* death, 31st of *Edward* I. he was found to leave 2 daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, who became the wife of Sir *Gilbert de Stapleton*, and *Catherine*, of Sir *John de Grey*, of *Rotherfield*, who, (as appears from the Institution Books,) with their descendants, continued patrons of this church, as the capital lords. On the death of *Roger de Kerdeston*, in the the 11th of *Edward* III. *Maud*, his widow, had it assigned to her in dower, and *William de Kerdeston* held it in the 3d of *Henry* IV.[3] In the 3d of *Henry* VI. this manor was settled on Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, in tail, by *Thomas Chaucer*, Esq. and *Maud* his wife. In the 14th of that King, Sir *Thomas* held it of the honour of *Richmond*; and *William de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Chaucer*, Esq. late relict of Sir *John Phelip*, released to Sir *Thomas* all their right which formerly belonged to Sir *William*, son and heir of Sir *Roger Kerdeston*, in the 20th of the said reign; after this it was settled on Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*. and *Philippa* his wife, in tail, and remainder to *William de la Pool*, and *Alice* his wife, in the 24th of *Henry* VI.

In the 12th of *Henry* VII. *May* 25th, *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of

[2] Terre Alani Comitis, H. de Broderc ros.—In Cidestna. ten. Alfak. T.R.E. iii. car. tre. semp. xiiii. bord. semp. in dnio. iii. car. et houm. ii. car. iiii ac. pti. semp. i. r. tnc. iiii. por. mo. xvi. tnc. xl. ov. mo. c. tnc. val. xl. sol. mo. similit. et ht. x. quar. in long. et viii. in lat. et xii. d. in ge.t. Ide. tenet.

[3] Margaret, wife of Sir Hamon de Felton, held it in the 42d of Edward III. and John, son of John de Bughersh, was her cousin; probably she was relict of William de Kerdeston.

Suffolk, granted to *Elizabeth Robsert*, widow of Sir *Terry Robsert*, for life, and to *William Robsart*, her son and heir, and the heirs of the body of Sir *Terry*, lawfully begotten, all his right and title in this lordship, and that of *Bircham Newton*, on the condition, that, on her death, and on the death of the lawful heirs of Sir *Terry Robsart*, they should return to him and his heirs; this *Elizabeth* being daughter of Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, whose arms, impaled by Sir *Terry*, were to be seen in this church. He was descended from Sir *Canon Robsart*, a knight of *Heynault*,[4] a great commander under King *Edward* III. and attended *John* Duke of *Lancaster* into *Spain*, and sent by King *Richard* II. in his 3d year, with *John Cotesford*, L. L. D. to treat with the Duke of *Juliers* and *Geldres* about his doing homage, service, and giving aid to that King. He left 3 sons, Sir *John Robsart*, Sir *Lewes*, and Sir *Terry Robsart*. See *Collins* on the Peerage, vol. iii. p. 476, &c.

Sir *Lewes Robsart*, his 2d son, was standard-bearer to King *Hen.* V. with a pension of 100*l. per annum*, governour of *Cruley* and *Caudeler*, and all the forests, woods, &c. in *Normandy*, installed Knight of the Garter *Ao.* 7°. and *Ao.* 8°. sent ambassador with the Earls of *Warwick* and *Kyme*, and the Lord *Ross*, to *Philip* Duke of *Burgundy*; was a great favourite of that King, attended him at his death, and at his funeral. He married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *Barth. Bouchier*, and was summoned to parliament as Lord *Bouchier*, in the 3d, 4th, &c. of *Henry* VI. and dying in *November*, *Ao.* 9°. of *Hen.* VI. was buried in *Westminster* abbey.

Sir *John Robsart*, his eldest brother, attended King *Henry* V. *Ao.* 1°. on his first landing in *France*, had a patent for 100*l. per annum* for his great services, and a grant of the castle and lordships of St. *Saviour's* in *Normandy*, Knight of the Garter, *Ao.* 6th of *Henry* V. and keeper of the great seal of that order, and dying in the 29th of *Henry* VI. was buried in the *Gray*-friars church of *London*.

Sir *Terry Robsart* married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, and dying lord of this town, *December* 19, *Ao.* 12th of *Henry* VII. left two sons, *William* and *John*, and a daughter, *Lucy*, afterwards the wife of *Edward Walpole*, Esq. of *Houghton*.—*William* being a minor, King *Henry* VII. *December* 11, *Ao.* 19°. granted to *Margaret Carew*, widow, and *Thomas Blake*, the wardship of all his lands, which, on the death of the said *William*, soon after descended to his brother, *John Robsart*. Sir *Terry* was retained, with his brother Sir *John*, to serve the regent, *John* Duke of *Bedford*, in *France*, and was captain of *Hamby*, and St. *Saviour de Ive*, in *Normandy*.—*Dugdale* observes,[5] that Sir *John de Burghershe* as cousin and heir to *William Kerdeston*, (his grandfather,) had livery in the 40th of *Edward* III. of the lands of his inheritance in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*; but this being contested by *William* his son and heir, he recovered them.

The aforesaid Sir *John* died *Ao.* 19th of *Richard* II. leaving only two daughters, *Margaret* and *Maud*; *Maud* married *Thomas Chaucer*, and it is probable that contest abovementioned was renewed by *Alice*, (daughter of *Maud*,) who married to *William de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, as heir to Sir *John de Bughershe*.

[4] Dudg. Baron. vol. ii. p. 222, 36. Rymer's Fœd.

[5] Dugd. p. 36.

Sir *Thomas Kerdeston's* will is dated *July* 1st, 1446, and gives his body to be buried in the *Augustine*-friars church at *Norwich*,[6] appoints the 3d part of the passage of *Bunkenham* ferry, which descended to him in fee simple, and all his lands, common fishing, rents in *Claxton, Ashby, Helgheton, Berghapton, Helveston, Yelverton,* which he purchased of *William Claxton,* to be sold, and the money to be disposed of for his soul's health, and *Elizabeth's* his wife, (his second wife *Philippa,* daughter of Sir *John Trussel,* surviving him,) and gives to *Elizabeth,* his daughter, a missal, and was proved *May* 4th, 1448.

John Robsert, 2d son of Sir *Terry,* was lord of this manor, sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk,* in the 1st of *Edward* VI. I find that this *John Robsert,* called late of *Windham* in *Norfolk,* Esq. alias of *Stanfeld,* in the parish of *Wymundham,* to have a pardon from the said King, by the advice of *Edward* Duke of *Somerset,* the protector, and the council, for all treasons, &c. insurrections, rebellions, murders, felonies, before the 20th of *January,* in the first year of that King :—Witness, the King, at *Westminster,* the fifth day of *May,* in his first year.

Soon after this he died, leaving, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *John Scott* of *Camberwell,* Esq. in *Surrey,* a daughter and heir, *Anne.*

Anne, his daughter, married Sir *Robert Dudley,* afterwards Earl of *Leicester,* who had a grant of this manor, with that of *Hemesby,* and advowson of the vicarage, lately belonging to the cathedral church of *Norwich,* the manor of *Newton,* by *Bircham,* and the advowson, late *ohn Robsart's*;[7] also the manor of *Great Bircham,* to hold *Hemesby* with *Anne* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, *in capite;* and to hold *Sidestern, Newton,* and *Great Bircham,* to *Anne* and *Robert,* during the life of the said *Robert,* by a grant, dated *January* 30, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary.*

This lady came to an unhappy death at Mr. *Foster's* house at *Cumnore,* near *Oxford,* by a fall from the stairs, and was buried in St. *Mary's,* the University church at *Oxford.* The Earl is said not to be over kind to her, and that she was either thrown, or tumbled down a pair of stairs, and broke her neck; and the Earl held this manor for his life, dying lord of it in 1588, when it came to *John Walpole,* Esq. son and heir of *Edward Walpole,* Esq. of *Houghton,* and *Lucy* his wife, daughter of Sir *Terry Robsart*;[8] and in this family it remains, the Right Honourable Earl of *Orford* being lord.

The Earl *Warren* had a lordship, which *Ralph* held of him, with 4 socmen, and 43 acres, at the survey; and *Lambert* also held 30 acres, half a carucate, with 3 bordarers, valued then at 5*s.* 4*d.* after, at 12*s.* —This was a beruite to *Rudham.*[9]

CASTLEACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

Ralph de Wivergill gave to this priory his lands here, and *Brygg* mill, by deeed *sans date,* and *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to them

[6] Regist. Norw. p. 137.
[7] Dudg. Bar. vol. ii. p. 222.
[8] See in Houghton and Bircham Newton.
[9] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna. Hund. de Galhou. In Scisterna ten. id. Rad. iiii. soc. de XL. ac. tc. et p. i. car. mo. d.—Huic man. (viz. Rudham,) ptinet. i. beruita Scidesterna de xxx. ac. dim. car. et iii. bord. et tc. val. v. sol. et iiii. d. mo. redd. xii. sol.

part of the tithes of *Alan*, son of *Brian*, lord in 1265. The prior, in the reign of *Henry* III. had the 3d part of a fee.—In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior held the manor of *Sydestern Wyks*, of the Earl of *Arundel*.

Baldwin de Rosey, *Robert de Ysseis*, and *Reginald*, son of *William Aveline* of *Taterset*, gave them lands here.—In the 29th of *Henry* VIII. the prior conveyed it, by fine, to the King, and the King to the Duke of *Norfolk*, as *Robert*, prior of *Lewes*, did.

COXFORD PRIORY.

The prior of *Coxford* had an interest here, when an aid was granted in King *Henry* the Third's time, on the marriage of his sister to the Emperour.

This was granted *May* 9, *Ao.* 29th of *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

Walsingham priory temporalities were 2*s.* 6*d.*

The tenths were 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 2*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and has a nave, and a south isle, covered with lead, (the north isle is down,) with a round steeple, and one bell.—The ancient valor was 25 marks, the present, 13*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is a rectory.

On a mural monument of stone, in the chancel, with the arms of *Corbet*;—*Or*, a raven proper, impaling *Thornton*;—*argent*, a chevron between three holly branches, *vert*.

In memoriam Mariæ spectatæ probitatis, uxoris nuper Edwi. Corbet, rectoris hujus ecclesiæ filiæ Rogeri Thornton, equitis aurati de Snailwell, in com. Cantabr. quæ uniquam post se relinquens filiolam Mariam nomine. sanctissime obiit in fide cultuq; Jesu, Ao. Dni. 1630, *Aug.* 27.

On another against the north wall:

Geo. Hall, hujus ecclesiæ et medietatis rectoriæ de Scarning, rector, ——— *Geo. Hall, born in the city of Norwich, Master of Arts, and Fellow of Corpus Christi college, in Cambridge, was inducted into the rectories of Scarning and Sidesterne in* 1605, *and deceased December* 6, 1628.—*The grave is ready for me, Job* 17: with the arms of *Hall*; *able*, three talbots heads erased, *argent*.

Jane Peyton, daughter of Sir Edward Peyton, of Isleham, in Cambridgeshire, Kt. and Bt. by dame Jane his wife, living virtuously, and dying comfortably, was buried February 8, *A. D.* 1632; her picture is on the wall, kneeling, and an angel standing at each side.

In the east window: *azure*, three chevronells in base, braced, *or Fitzhugh*.

In the church were these arms; barry of eight *or*, and *gules*, *Fitz-Alan of Bedale*.—Quarterly, *gules* and *argent*, a bend *or*, *Loring*.—*Gules*, a saltire ingrailed, *Kerdeston*.—*Vert*, a lion rampant, *or* vulned in the shoulder, *Robsert*.—Also *Robsert* impaling *Kerdeston*;—*argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, *Stapleton*.

Elizabeth, widow of Sir *Terry Robsert*, by her will, dated *November* 10,

1345, desires to be buried by her husband in the chancel of Our Lady of *Sedestern*, gives to the high altar 26*s.* 8*d.* to the repair of both isles in the said church, 40*s.* proved *October* 30, 1536.

Brian Fitz-Alan was patron in King *Edward* the First's reign, when the rector had a manse, with 50 acres, valued at 25 marks.—*Peter*-pence 18*d.* *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* 2 parts of all the tithes of the demeans of *Alan* aforesaid, in 1265.

RECTORS.

William de Witchington, rector.

1318, *William de Wrotham*, by the lady *Maud*, relict of Sir *Brian Fitz-Alan*, of *Bedale*.

1333, Mr. *Laurence de Thornhil.* *Ditto.*

1343, *Richard de Mousegrave*, by *John*, son of *John de Grey* of *Rotherfield*, attorney of Sir *Miles Stapleton*.

1349, *James de Mortimer*, by the Bishop, *a lapse*.

1350, *William de Aberford*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and Sir *John de Grey*.

1361, *John Chartman*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*.

1368, *John de Baynton*, by Sir *John Grey, hac vice*.

1383, *Richard Grey*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*

1383, *William Panewyk*, by Sir *Robert Grey*.

1384, *John de Bentele*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*.

1385, *William de Shyringham*, by Sir *Robert Grey*.

John occurs rector.

1427, *Robert Hylton*, by Sir *Bryan Stapleton*.

Robert Godfrey.

1479, Mr. *Ed. Rightwise*, S. T. D. by Sir *William Calthorp*.

Stephen Longe.

1488, *Edmund Coleman*, A. M. by *John Hodylston*, Esq. and in right of *Joan*, daughter of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, his wife.

1492, *Robert Palmer*, by Sir *William Calthorp*,

1554, *Alan Melton*, by the Queen.

1581, *Nicholas Baldwin*, by the assignees of *Miles Corbet*, Esq.

1599, *Nicholas Baldwin*, by the Queen, *a lapse*.

In 1603, he returned 67 communicants.

George Hall, in 1605, by Sir *Miles Corbet*,

1628, *Edward Corbet*, by the King, during the minority of Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Bart.

1662, *Vincent Peirse*, D. D. by *Robert Houghton*, prebend of *Norwich*.

1673, *Tho. Brown*, L. L. D by *Catherine Knight*.

1695, *William Everard*, by *Henry Everard*.

1708, *Thomas Brown*, L. L. D. by *Anne Everard*.

1721, *Henry Haslop*, rector, resigned in 1724, by *Robert Walpole*, Esq.

1724, *George Jacomb*, died rector in 1759, (rector also of *Stanhow*,) presented by *Robert Walpole*, Esq.

1760, *Charles Bagg*, A. M. now D. D. collated by the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *a lapse*, at the request of the Earl of *Orford*, who is patron.

SNORING PARVA.

THE King's manor of *Fakenham* extended into this village; there were here, and in East *Barsham*, 3 freemen, who held 3 acres of land, and one carucate, which was valued and measured in that manor.[1]

This was possessed by the family of *De Haviles*, by petit serjeanty, of whom see in *Dunton*, and in *Kettleston*; after them, *Thomas de Mileham*, and *Beatrix* his wife, in the 8th of *Edward* III. and afterwards by *Nicholas de Attechirch*.

The Earl *Warren* had also 2 socmen, with lands here, belonging to his manor of North *Barsham*.

But the principal lordship was, at the survey, in *Peter de Valoines*, and held under him by *Ralph*: *Manna*, a freeman, was deprivedof it at the conquest, who had one carucate of land, with 24 bordarers, and one servus, one carucate in demean, and a carucate and 4 acres of meadow amongst the men, a mill, and 6 cows; and 6 socmen held 40 acres of land, and 2 bordarers, a carucate and 5 acres of meadow, valued at 40s. and was half a leuca long, and 3 furlongs broad, and paid 12*d*. gelt.[2]

WALCOTE AND BOLE'S MANOR.

Ralph, who held this lordship under the Lord *Valoins*, was probably the ancestor of the family of *De Snaring*, of this town; *Philip de Snaring* was found to hold three parts of a fee, and *Geff. de Snaring* half a fee, of the Lord *Valoins*, in the 12th of King *Henry* II.; of these lords see in *Dersingham*.

SIR GEFF. DE SNARING, by *Basilia* his wife, was father of *Richard de Snaring*. *Maud de Snaring*, widow, by deed *sans date*, gave her mill, and pond, of *Wykeney*, to the monks of *Acre*, after the death of *Richard*, her brother.

SIR PHILIP DE SNARING had several daughters and coheirs; *Matilda*, or *Mabilia*, married to —— *Bole*, who in her widowhood granted lands to *Reginald de Burgo*;—*Agnes*, married to *Philip de Styvekeys*;—*Beatrix*, to *Henry de Playford*; and *Basilia*, to —— *Le Strange* of *Litcham*. *Matilda* and *Basilia* were found to hold here, and in *Stiberde*, a fee, of *Robert* Lord *Fitz Walter*, in *Henry* the Third's time.

In the 6th of *Edward* I. *John*, son of *Ralph Le Strange* of *Litcham*, held lands here; and *Adam Bole* granted lands by fine, part of this

[1] Et in Barsham, et in Snaringa. iii. lib. hoes et int. hos hoes. iii. ac. tre semp. i. car.

[2] Terre Petri Valoniensis.—Hund. de Galgow,——In Esnaringa tenet. Radulfus, qm. ten. Manna lib. ho. T. R. E. i. car. tre. sep. xxiiii. bor. sep. i. ser. tc. i. car. in dnio. et p. m°. ii. sep. houm. i. car. iiii. ac. pti. tc. i. mol. sep. vi. an. et m°. LX. porc. tc. LXXX. ov. m°. et vi. soc. de XL. ac. tre. et ii. bor. et i. car et. 5. ac. pti. tc. val. XL. sol. m°. similtr et hab. dim. leug. in longo. et iii. qr. in lato. et xiid. in gelto.

manor, to *Richard Bole*, for life, in the 14th of that King: to this *Richard*, and *John Le Strange*, *Henry de Warham*, and *Richard Le Rus*, of *Lexham*, conveyed by fine the advowson of this church, in the 13th of the said reign; and on this, *Bole* and *Le Strange* had the alternate presentation of this church. In the 17th year of the aforesaid King, *John*, son of *John Le Strange*, and *Clementia* his wife, bought of *John de Stoneham*, and *Roger de Neketon*, several messuages and lands, with the homages, services, &c. of several persons, and had the moiety of the manor of *Naring Parva*. *Ralph Le Strange* was found to be his brother and heir, in the 33d of *Edward* I. or *Ralph* was rather heir to this manor, being settled on him by fine.

The jury, in the 15th of the aforesaid King, present that the bridge, called *Wodebrig*, in the way between *Naring Parva* and *Crysford*, was broke, and that *John* son of *John Le Strange* of *Litcham*, lord of *Naring Parva*, ought to repair it, and the sheriff was ordered to see it done. In the 9th of *Edward* II. *William Bole*, and *Joan* his wife, had a moiety. Sir *William Bole*, was lord in the 18th of that King, and *John Bole* and *Agnes* his wife, in the 20th of *Edward* III.

In the 10th of *Edward* II. *Ralph*, son of *John Le Strange*, conveyed by fine, to *Alexander de Walcote*, and *Maud* his wife, (probably daughter and heir of *Ralph*,) a moiety of this manor, with the advowson, except 4 messuages, 53 acres of land, 6 of wood, 3 of heath, 12 of wood, and 12*s.* rent, part of the said moiety, held for life, by *Clementia*, widow of *John Le Strange*, settled on *Alexander* and *Maud*, in tail, remainder to *Elizabeth Mariot*, and *Margaret*, daughters of *Alexander*; and in the 13th of *Edward* III. *Alexander* conveyed the said premises to *Walter de Walcote*, and *Margaret* his wife, and died in the 29th of that King, lord of this town, and of *Gunton*.

Robert de Berney, and *Margaret* his wife,[3] one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Walter de Walcote*, passed by fine, levied in the 6th of *Richard* II. to *Margaret*, widow of *John Elys*, senior, of *Gernemuth*, the 3d part of the manor of *Snoring Parva*, called *Walcotes*, with the 3d part of the advowson; and in 11th of that King, Sir *Symon de Felbrigg*, Knt. *Robert Hereward*, and *Margaret Elys*, were querents, and *John Dorward*, and *Catherine* his wife, (another of *Walcote's* daughters and coheirs,) were deforcients in a fine, who passed to *Margaret Elys*, their 3d part: the other daughter and coheir was *Elizabeth*, wife, of *Edmund de Wilton*.

Catherine, widow of *John Cokerell* of *Albergh Wykes*, in *Suffolk*, died seized, the 6th of *Henry* VI. of the manors of *Walcote's* and *Boles*, in this town, the manors of *Ickworth*, and *Weynford*, by *Brandon Ferry*, in *Suffolk*, which she left to *Catherine*, daughter of *John Cokerell*, junior, her son, (by *John Cokerell*, senior,) who died before his father; and the said *Catherine* was in the 10th of the said King, found to die a minor, and the jury knew not who was her heir.

In the 29th of *Henry* VI. *George Heath*, of *Mildenhale*, released to *Humphrey* Duke of *Buks*, all his right in *Walcote's*, and *Bole's* manor, but in the 18th of *Henry* VII. *Christopher Conyers*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed it to the *Heydons*.

[3] Sir Robert Berney of Wichingham married Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir William de Walcote, by Joan, or Isabel, daughter and coheir of Walter, a younger son of Sir William Clopton, remarried to Sir Roger Beauchamp.

About 1570, Sir *Christopher Heydon* was lord; and Sir *William Heydon* sold it to Sir *George Kingsmill*, who was lord in 1603: after this it was serjeant *Gwin's*; and Mr. *Matthew Helcotte* possessed it; then Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. was lord, and Sir *Edward*, his son, now possesses it.

Tenths, 3*l.* 12*s.*—Deduct 16*s.*

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory were valued at 12*d. per annum*, and those of *Castleacre*, at 7*s.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 20*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and a rectory; it is covered with lead, the chancel is tiled, has a round tower, with 3 bells, and stands distant from the church about 8 feet.

The ancient valor was 16 *marks*, the present 12*l.*; in 1506, the chapel of St. *Anthony* in this church, is mentioned, and a little manor belongs to the rectory.

Roger de Valoins, son of *Peter de Valoins*, founder of *Bynham* priory, gave 2 parts of his tithes to that priory, and that rector had the third.

The portion of that priory was taxed at 1*l.* 10*s.*

ROBERT SMITH, rector, by his will in 1525, gave the house that he lived in, to the repair, and maintenance of the church, on the condition that the churchwardens keep yearly his exequies on the third *Sunday* in *Lent*, and on *Monday* after, a commemoration, with mass for his soul, and for his parents and benefactors.[4]

In the reign of King *Edward* I. *Robert Bole*, and *John le Strange*, were patrons, and presented alternately; the rector had then a manse with 50 acres.

RECTORS.

John de Waltham occurs rector in the 20th of *Edward* I.
1318, Mr. *Nich de Westerfeld*, by *William Bole.*
1324, *Robert Knight*, by *Clementia Le Strange.*
1334, *John Curle*, by *John Bole.*
1353, *John de Kentford.*
John de Wulterton occurs rector, 22d and 44th of *Edward* III.
1380, *William de Aldeburgh*, by *Margaret Elys*, &c. on the death of *Alexander.*
1400, *John Bluntesham*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton.*
1425, *Peter Audele*, by *Cath. Cockerell*, and *James Andrew.*
1443, *Thomas Hunt*, by *John Excestre.*
1460, *Richard Cheyne*, by *Richard* Earl of *Warwick.*
1466, *John Hogeson. Ditto.*
John Dale.
1475, *John Burton*, A. M. by *John Fortescue*, &c.
1505, *Robert Smith*, by *John Heydon*, Esq.
1525, *Barnard Jameson. Ditto.*
Leon Heydon.
1554, *Christopher Knollys*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon.*

[4] Reg. Grundesburgh. Norw. fol. 84.

1573, *John Barne,* by Sir *Christopher Heydon.*
1585, *Thomas Edmunds,* by *John* and *George Kingsmill.*
Edward More.
1627, *William Parry,* A. M. by *Richard Gwyn,* serjeant at law.
1640, *Christopher Seaman,* by *Richard Gwyn.*
1671, *Christopher Seaman,* by *Richard Gwyn,* Gent.
1717, *Benjamin Lane,* on the death of *Christopher Seaman,* by *Francis Lane.*
Mr. *Love Shipley,* the present rector, 1744, by Mrs. *Penelope Clarges, hac vice.*
Here was the gild of the Holy Trinity, and St. *Mary's* light.
In 1380, there was a house of lepers here, at a place called *Quene-Gate,* as appears by the will of *Alexander,* rector of *Snoring Parva.*

STABERD, OR STIBERDE,

CALLED in *Domesday* Book *Estanbyrda,* and *Stabyrda.* At the survey, 3 freemen here, with 3 in *Barsham* and in *Snaring,* held of the King's manor of *Fakenham,* 3 acres and a carucate of land: it was 3 furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt, and was valued under *Fakenham.*[5]

Earl *Warren* had also here one, and in *Ryburgh* another socman, with 30 acres of land, and a carucate, and one acre of meadow, with the moiety of a church endowed with 3 acres, valued at 5*s.* 4*d.*

The family of DE PAVILLY was, soon after the conquest enfeoffed, by the Earl *Warren,* of this lordship, and was also seized of the King's manor here, belonging to *Fakenham,* as appears from a pleading in the 34th of *Henry* III. when *Ralph de Pavilli* pleaded his right to it, by the grant of *Walter,* son of *Hugh Symirede,* which *Hugh* being enfeoffed of it, by King *William Rufus,* the said *Walter* enfeoffed *Ralph de Pavily* his grandfather.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Thomas de Pavilli*[6] had free warren, and in the 8th of *Edward* I. *Thomas de Snetterton* had an interest herein.

In the 5th of *Edward* II. *Robert de Repps* was lord; and he, with *Sibilla* his wife, settled it, in the 10th of the said King, on *Laurence de Repps* their son, and *Margaret* his wife, (being then rented at 5*l.* 4*s.* 3*d. per ann.*) with the patronage of the church.

RICHARD DE REPPS, son of *Laurence* and *Margaret,* left 2 daughters and coheirs by *Joan* his wife, (who remarried Sir *John de Herling,*) *Catherine* married to *John Marchall,* and *Alice,* to *John Bury;* but in the 9th of *Richard* II. a moiety of the manor and advowson

[5] In Estanbyrda, iii. lib. hoes. et in Barsham et in Snaringa, iii. lib. hoes. et intr. hos. hoes. iii. ac. tre. sep. i. car. Stabyrda hab. iii. qr. in long. et ii. in lat. et xii*d.* in gelto.——Tre. Willi. de Warenna.——H. de Galhou.—In Reiburh, i. soc. et in Stabrigge al. de xxx. ac. tre. et i. car. i. ac. pti. dim. ecclie. iii. ac. et val. v. sol. et iiii. *d.*

[6] Of the Pavillys, see in Ryburgh-*Pa.*

was held by the aforesaid *Joan*, wife of Sir *John de Herling*, for life.

JOHN MARCHALL, and *Catherine* his wife, settled their part on *Richard Attepitte*, and *John Bures*, or *Bury*, son of *Alice Bures* aforesaid, released all his right to *John Rokewood*, *Jeff. Calye*, &c. in the 4th of *Henry* IV.

In the 9th of *Henry* IV. *Henry Scogan* was lord, and *Robert* was found to be his son and heir, aged 19; of these *Scogans*, see in *Reynham Haviles* manor; and in the 12th of *Henry* VI. *Richard Bosoun*, Esq. *John Champneys*, clerk, &c. release to *Thomas Champneys*, clerk, by deed dated *July* 10, all their right in this manor, and that of *Testerton*, which they had of the feoffment of *John Conesby*, clerk, &c.; and in the 17th of *Henry* VII. *John Skeney*, and *Cecilia* his wife, conveyed it with a foldcourse of 300 sheep, to Sir *Roger Townsend*, and Sir *Roger Clere*, Knts.

Roger Townsend, Esq. and *Ann* his wife, held it with the advowson of the church in the 4th of *Henry* VIII. and by an inquisition taken *November* 1, in the first year of King *James* I. Sir *John Townsend* was found to die seized of the manor of *Stiberde*, held of the King's manor of *Fakenham*, in soccage, and paying 3*s.* 4*d. per ann.* and that of *Pavillys*, held of the manor of *Sculthorp*, in free soccage, and in this honourable family it continues.

In this town was a wood, and lands, belonging to *Ralph de Beaufoe*, son of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, which wood he gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, with the church of *South Creke*, and *Thomas de Bellofago* is said to claim a weekly mercate here, in the 3d of *Edward* I.

The tenths of this town, were 2*l.* 10*s.*

The temporalities of St. *Faith's* were valued, in 1428, at 11*s.* 7*d.*

Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 3*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a rectory; the ancient valor was 20 *marks*, the present valor is 10*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* In *Edward* the First's time the Earl *Warren* was patron, and the rector had a manse, and 20 acres.—*Peter*-pence 2*s.*

It has a nave, with a north isle, and a square tower with two bells.

RECTORS.

1325, *Richard de Reppes*, rector, presented by *Robert de Reppes.*
1349, *Thomas de Lacy*, by *Henry Lucy.*
1361, *William Grene*, by Sir *Robert de Caston.*
1400, Mr. *Walter Noone*, A. M. by *Walter Cruche.*
1439, *John Coupere*, the Bishop, by lapse.
1442, *John Eyr*, by *Catherine Marchall*, daughter and heir of *Richard Reppes.*
1472, *Step. Bylman.*
1496, *Edmund Herberd*, by *Elianore*, widow of Sir *Roger Townsend.*
1506, *Thomas Grandon*, by *Roger Townsend*, Esq.
1532, *William Olyver*, by Sir *Roger Townsend*, Knt.
1556, *Nicholas Lincoln*, by *Eleanora Townsend* of *Brampton*, widow.
1559, *Robert Rusten. Ditto.*
1573, *Robert Okes*, by the assignees of *Roger Townsend.*
1720, *Robert Spencer*, by Lord *Townsend.*

1721, *John Athill*, on *Spencer's* resignation, by Lord *Townsend*.
1740, *Edward Barnwell*. *Ditto*.
1753, *William Powell*. *Ditto*.

Simon Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1265, confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithes of the demean of *Humphrey de Eastham*, and his partners.

TATERFORD,

So called from the river *Tat*. *Humphrey de Bohun* had a grant of it at the conquest, on the expulsion of *Ulnoth*, who held it in King *Edward's* reign, of *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who had a carucate of land held by 3 villains, and 11 bordarers, and 2 servi; there was one carucate in demean, and at that time 2 carucates among the men, with 3 acres of meadow; a mill, &c. and one beruite belonged to this manor, with half a carucate of land, and 3 bordarers, and a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, a mill valued at 40*s. per ann.* it was half a leuca long, and 3 furlongs broad, and paid 3*d.* and ¾ gelt. Four socmen, with 40 acres, were taken from this manor, and *William de Warren* had them.[7] *Ulnoth* was brother of King *Harold*.

Humphrey de Bohun was a kinsman to *William* Duke of *Normandy*, and attended him on the conquest of this realm, and is called *Humphrey* with the beard, most of the *Normans* then shaving their faces. It does not appear that he was possessed of any other lordship in *Norfolk*, at the general survey, than this of *Taterford*; and was ancestor to the *Bohuns* Earls of *Hereford* and *Essex*. It is probable that this lordship remained not long in this family, as I find no further account of them relating to it.

In the 9th of King *John*, *Henry de Hauvill* was lord, (of which family see in *Dunton*,) who granted to *Pagan de Taterford* his right of presentation to this church, with a *salvo jure*. This *Pagan* had a considerable interest in this town, and confirmed to *William Person* of *Taterford*, and *Margaret*, daughter of *Henry de Saham*, and their children, 24 acres of land, paying 6*d. per ann.* to the King's scutage, with a foldcourse, a common of pasture where they pleased with his cattle, for which they did homage to him, paid him 5 marks of silver, and *Maud* his wife, 2 talents of gold, and acquitted him of his mortgage of 4 marks to *Benedict* the sewer:—Witnesses, *Simon de Saham*, *Osbert*, son of *Roger de Stratesete*, and *William* his brother, &c. In

[7] Terra Humfridi de Bohun, H. de Brodercros. In Taterforda, ten. Ulnoth, T. R. E. de Stig. Ep. i. car. tre. sep. iii. vill. et xi. bor. et ii. ser. sep. in dnio. i. car. tc. ii. car. houm. m°. i. et dim. iii. ac. pti. i. mol. sep. ii. an. tc. x. por. m°. xiiii. et c. ovs. et i. beruita huic man. de dim. car. terre. sep. iii. bor. et i. car. ii. ac. pti. i. mol. tc. val. xl. sol. et sep. et hab. d. leug. in long, et iii. qr. in lato. et iii. d. in gelto. et iii. fer. De hoc manerio st. abbati. iiii. soc. xl. acr. et tenet W. de War.

the 5th of *Henry* III. *Margery*, widow of *Pagan de Taterford*, and *John* her son, were living.

Hugh de Dunton, alias *Havile*, by deed, *sans* date, released to Sir *Thomas*, son of *Richard de Snetterton*, all his right in 40*d.* issuing out of lands here, and 12*d. per ann.* of the serjeanty, which he received of Sir *Thomas*, for which he received money, and lands in *Doketon*.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. *Richard Spike* of *Taterford*, and *Sabina* his wife, granted, by fine, to *Richard*, son of *Thomas de Snetterton*, land, and 5*s.* rent, in this town, *Tatersete* and *Dunton*; and, in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Richard*, son and heir of *Richard de Dockyng*, granted to *Richard de Boyland*, and *Maud* his wife, this manor and advowson, with all his arable lands, meadows, pastures, homages, wards, mills, turbaries, &c. paying to him and his heirs, one clove *per ann.* and *Thomas de Snetterton*, granted for himself and heirs, that the said *Richard* and *Maud* might have liberty to fish, to dig turf, &c. as freely as *Richard de Dockyng* had ever enjoyed, or his grandfather *Richard*.

Thomas de Sneterton was, in the 7th of *Edward* II. deforciant in a fine, and *Thomas de Gannock*, clerk, querent, of 24 messuages, a mill, 522 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 4*l.* rent, and the rent of 4 quarters of barley, and a half, in *Taterford*, *Tatersete*, *Shireford*, *Helgeton*, and *Riburgh Parva*, settled on *Thomas de Sneterton* for life, remainder to *Simon Brake* of *Brandeston*, for life, then to *Edmund de Snetterton*, and *Alice* his wife, in tail, remainder to *John*, *Richard*, and *William*, in tail.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Roger Bretoun*, and *Alice* his wife, held here, and in *Shereford*, one fee, which *Thomas de Sneterton*, and his parceners, formerly held. *John de Wolteron*, parson of *Snoring Parva*, *William de Barsale*, and *Richard de Waterden*, released to *Henry Stockel* of *Taterford*, clerk, *William de Horning*, &c. all their right in 2 messuages, lands, meadows, and pastures, fishery, turbary, with the services of several persons, and advowson of the church, which they had lately purchased of Sir *Richard de Boyland*, Knt. by deed, dated on Palm Sunday, in the 34th of *Edward* III.

Afterwards it was in Sir *Robert Knolles*, who had free warren here, in the 2d of *Richard* II. his right herein came from Sir *James Havile*, and Sir *Robert Tyffour*, with the manor of *Dunton*, as may be there seen, and was settled by him on his college, or hospital, of *Pontefract* in *Yorkshire*, with the advowson; when it was found to be held of the prior of *Flycham*, by knight-service, and the prior to hold it of the heir of *Somerville*, and he of the King, valued at 8*l. per ann.* and then 30 acres, part of the said manor, was held of the prior of *Cokesford*, by the service of 4*s.* 5*d.* rent, by the year.

On the dissolution of this hospital, it was granted, *May* 17th, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. to Sir *William Fermor*, and Sir *Richard Fulmerston*. Sir *William Fermor* mortgaged it to *John Winter*, Esq. and the lady *Catherine Fermor*, late wife of Sir *William*, redeeming it, it was conveyed to her, *October* 13, in the 5th and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*, who gave it for life to *Henry Spilman*, Esq. remainder to *Nicholas Fermor*, Gent. a nephew of Sir *William Fermor*; and the said *Nicholas*, by his deed, dated *November* 3, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, sold it, with lands in *Gatesend*, *Dunton*, &c. to *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. of *East Barsham*, his eldest brother, for 500*l.* and he sold it to *Thomas Grave*,

Esq. of *Lynn*, whose daughter and heir brought by marriage to *Henry Vilet*, Esq. this lordship, with that of *Tatersete*, as may be there seen. —*Vilet* bore, *argent*, on a chevron, *gules*, three castles, *or*, on a canton, *azure*, a lis of the 3d.

The prior of *Coxford* had lands here, farmed by *Henry Fermor*, Esq. in the 7th of *Henry* VIII.

The prior of *Lewis'* temporalities, valued at 11*s*.

The tenths were 42*s*.—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, 12*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and is a rectory; the ancient valor was 10 marks; the present 6*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and is discharged from first fruits and tenths.

Richard de Dokkyng was patron in *Edward* the First's reign, when the rector had 40 acres of land, but no manse.—*Peter*-pence, 7*d*.

Richard de Boyland, in the 14th of *Edward* I. and *Maud* his wife, had the patronage, as appears from a fine, and presented in 1314, *Ralph Howe*.

1332, *Roger de Boyland*, by *ditto*.

1348, *Robert Baillies*, by Sir *John Boyland*.

1399, *Thomas Mowton*, by *John Drewe*.

Nathaniel Osborne died rector, 1727.

John Stone died rector, 1758; he was presented by the Lady *Diana Drury*.

1758, *John Wright*, on his own petition, being patron.

Here was the gild of St. *Margaret*, and the common light

TATERSETE,

So called, as being seated on a rivulet, or stream, called anciently the *Tat*, and *Gat;* of this kind and derivation, is *Taterford*, *Tatenhal*, and *Tatton*, in *Cheshire*, *Tatwell*, and *Tatershall*, in *Lincolnshire*, &c. In ancient writings, it is frequently wrote *Tatersete*, alias *Gatesend*.

Remerus held it under the Earl *Warren*, the capital lord at the survey; *Toke*, a great *Saxon* thane, being deprived of it on the conquest. Fifteen bordarers, and one servus belonged to it, with one carucate in demean, and one carucate, and an acre of the men, 2 mills, &c. there were then two churches, with 40 acres, and 14 socmen held 69 acres; there were six bordarers, with 2 carucates, and an acre of meadow, then valued at 10*s*. at the survey at 60*s*. it was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 13*d*. gelt.[s]

[s] Tre. Willi. de Warenna. Hundret. de Brodercross.—In Tatersete ten. Remerus, i. car. tre. qua. tenuit Toka T. R. E. semp. xv. bord. et i. serv. semp. in dominio. i. car. et hom. i. car. i. ac. pti. ii. molin. tc. i. runc. mo. ii. et v. an. et vi. porc. tc. XL. ovs. modo LXXX. ii. ecclie. XL. ac. et xiiii. soc. ptin. huic man. de LXIX. ac. semp. vi. bord. et ii. car. i. ac. pti. tc. val. x. sol. modo. LX. sol. et ht. dim. leug. in longo et iiii. qr. in lato et xiii*d*. de gelto.

Remerus seems to be the ancestor of the family of *De Pinkenye*, lords of this town. *Ralph de Pencheneia* confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre* the church of St. *Andrew*, in this town, with the tenement which they held the day they received his father and mother into their church, (to be buried, as I take it,) and gave an acre and an half of his own gift, by deed, *sans* date, in the reign of *Henry* II. as it seems.

PINKENY'S MANOR.

William de Pinkeni, by deed, *sans* date, confirmed to *Ralph*, the priest, his kinsman, son of *Hugh Ruffus*, and to his brother *John*, the lands which his grandfather *William*, and father *Ralph*, had given them here. *Ralph* was to pay quarterly 4*s.* for this land, and 16*d.* when the scutage was at 20*s.* and once in the year to attend on, and ride out with, *William*, at his charge, and to perform 3 days work yearly with his cart, but to have provision then found him, and for one man for 3 days service in harvest.

In the 9th of King *John*, *William Pynkeny* sued *Ralph*, the priest, for giving lands here to *Coxford* priory: *Ralph* pleads, that he held them freely; *William* said, he held in villenage, and that he had sold one of his sisters for 4*s.*; but *Ralph* producing the deeds and grants of *William*, it appeared that he held them freely, and so it was determined.

Sir *William de Pynkeny de Thatersett* confirmed to *William*, son of *Richard de Anglo*, (that is *English*,) by deed, *sans* date, a croft:—witnesses, Sir *Thomas de Begevile*, Knt. *John de Sengham*. The seal to this deed is of green wax;—a crescent and a decrescent in chief, with one crescent in base.

Hugh de Pinkeny held in the 34th of *Henry* III. a knight's fee, and was not a knight: and *John de Pinkeny* was lord in the 10th of *Edward* II. and, in the 13th of that King, the said *John* was querent in a fine, and *Thomas de Pinkeny*, and *Catherine* his wife, deforciant, of 10 messuages, a mill, 106 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 2 of moor, and 11*s.* 8*d.* rent here, and in *Sengham*, settled on *Thomas* and *Catherine*, who granted an annuity of 60*s.* *per ann.* to *John*.

James de Pynkeney was lord in the 9th and 15th of *Edward* III. About this time, several of this family had an interest here. In the 19th of that King, Sir *Hugh Peverel*, &c. settled, as trustees, this manor, with that of *Brunsthorp*, on *James de Pynkeney*, and *Joan* his wife, in tail, remainder to *Hugh* their son, and *Isabel* his wife, in tail.[9] In the 3d of *Richard* II. *Catherine Brews*, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas de Norwich*, a nun, at *Dertford*, in *Kent*, was found to hold one fee here, and in *Sengham*.

After this, it was possessed in part, (and the *Dynnes*, as I shall show,) by Sir *Robert Knolles*, who settled it on his college or hospital of *Pontefract*, as in *Sculthorp*; and, on the dissolution of that house, was granted, *May* 17, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. to Sir *William Fermor*, and Sir *Richard Fulmerston*; and Sir *William Fermor* died seized of this manor, with that of *Begevile's*, *Lucy's*, &c. in this town, in 1558; and *Thomas Fermor*, his nephew, had livery of them, who, in the 16th of *Elizabeth*, had license to convey them to *Thomas*

[9] Of the Pynkeneys, see more in Brunsthorp.

Grave, Gent. with two fold-courses, &c. frank pledge, and the advowson of the church.

This *Thomas Grave* was a merchant of *King's Lynn*, and mayor of that town in 1567, 1574, and 1584, descended probably from *William Grave* of this town, who granted, in the 2d of *Henry* IV. a messuage here to *John Scory*, and *Catharine* his wife; and *Nicholas Grave* of *Catfield* had lands here in the 20th of *Henry* VII.

Catharine, daughter and heir of *Thomas Grave*, brought it by marriage to *Henry Vilet* of *King's Lynn*, merchant, and mayor in 1590, and 1599: *Henry* was son and heir of *Richard Vylet*, who died at his house in *Thames-street*, *London*, *July* 5, 1578, and was buried in the church of St. *Buttolph's Billingsgate*, by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of *Richard Herdman* of *Worcestershire*, Gent. and brother to *Robert*, *Richard*, and *Mary*, who married *Henry Pettit*, Gent. of *Kent*.

Henry, by *Catharine* his wife, was father of *Grave Vilet* of *Pinkeny-hall*, Esq. who, by *Jane*, daughter of *William Butts*, of *Shouldham-Thorp*, Esq. and *Jane* his wife, daughter of ——— *Cocket* of *Brunsthorp*, had *Thomas Violet*, his son and heir; who, on an inquisition taken *October* 12, in the 6th year of *Charles* I. was found to die seized of the manors of *Pinkneys*, alias *Tatersete*, *Begevile's*, *Luces*, *Morehall*, and *Wiskin's*, in this town; and *William* was his son and heir, aged 17, by *Susan* his wife, daughter of *William Thoresby*, Esq. —*Grave Violet*, son of *Thomas*, married *Frances*, daughter of *John Brown*, of *Brisley*, Gent.

George Violet, Esq. was the last heir male of this family, and left, by *Frances*, several daughters and coheirs; *Diana*, married to Sir *Robert Drury*, Bart. who died without issue; *Anne*, married to *Charles Wright*, Esq. of *Kilverstone*, and *Frances*, to *John Harris*, Esq. of *Burnham*. The lady *Diana Drury* died possessed of this town in 17—, and then it came to the *Wrights* of *Kilverstone*, and *John Wright*, rector of *Euston*, is the present lord.—Sir *Richard de Beggevile* was witness to a deed, *sans* date, of *William*, son of *Hugh de Pynkeney*, of lands; as was Sir *Thomas de Begevile* to a deed of *William de Pynkeney*, and *Thomas*, son of *Thomas de Begevyle*, released to *William de Hyndringham* of *Taterset*, and *Margaret* his wife, and their heirs, his right in lands here, in the 6th of *Edward* II. —Witnesses, *Sir Thomas de Snetterton*, *John de Helgeton*, *John de Paveley*, *Thomas de Anglo*, &c.

Ralph Messanger of *Harleston*, by his will, dated *February* 16, 1417, appoints that his manor of *Begeviles*, *Lucies*, &c. with his lands and tenements in *Littleport*, in the isle of *Ely*, should be in the hands of his executors, to enfeoff therein *William* his son and heir, when he was of age; and if his son died before, then to be sold by his executors, and the money to be disposed of in pious uses.

In 1493, *John Dynne* of *Heydon*, died seized of the manor of *Pinkney-hall*, or *Taterset*, with those of *Begevile*, *Lucys*, &c. as did *Henry Dynne*, Esq. in 1517, and his son *Robert* conveyed them to Sir *William Fermor*, *November* 20, in the 1st of *Edward* VI. whose nephew, *Thomas Fermor*, sold them to *Thomas Grave*, Gent. and so became united to the aforementioned manor.

Walter de Calthorp held the 3d part of a fee in this town of the Earl *Warren*, in the reign of *Henry* III. and in the 20th of *Edward* III. it was in the same family.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Roger de Aylesham* held the 3d part of a fee, and *Hamon de Pinkeney*, and *Alice* his wife, held of *Roger de Aylsham*, and *Joan* his wife, by one knight's fee, a capital messuage, a watermill, &c. valued at 3*l.* 10*s. per ann.* in the 33d of *Edward* I. *John de Hyndringham*, and *Idonea* his wife, held this in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John de Hyndringham*, in right of his wife, *Symon Payn*, and *Thomas Atte Ganock*, held in *Tatersete* and *Sengham* one fee of the Earl *Warren*, and paid suit of court at *Sculthorp*.[1]

John de Helgeton had the 3d part of a fee in the reign of *Henry* III. and one of the same name held it in the 20th of *Edward* III.

The prior of *Coxford* had a manor here; and their temporalities in this town, and *Brunsthorp*, were valued, in 1428, at 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; 78 acres of land, with a fold-course, were let, 7°. *Henry* VIII. by the prior, to *Henry Fermer* of *East-Barsham*. This was granted *May* 9, by King *Henry* VIII. in his 29th year, to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

The prior of *Castleacre* had also lands here, with tenements, &c. in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and in the 7th of *Henry* VIII. he held a messuage, and 20 acres, by knight's service. This seems to be what was called the manor of *Lucys*.

Concealed lands granted to *John Herbert*, and *Andrew Palmer*, *September* 22, in the 17th of *Elizabeth*.

The tenths were 6*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 18*s.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred, 4*s.*

SENGHAM

Was an hamlet belonging to *Tatersete*. In the 9th of *King John* the prior of *Castleacre* was impleaded by *William de Pynkeny* for commoning here, and in *Tatersete*, who pleaded that the common was not the sole property of *William*, but that many free tenants commoned there; and, in the 14th of *Edward* I. it was found that *William Attehow*, (father of *Richard*,) died in his journey, (or pilgrimage,) to St. *James*, seized of a mill, 14 acres of land, 2*s.* and 10*d.* in *Sengham* and *Tatersete*, which they held of *Thomas de Begevile*, and *Joan* his wife, by knight's service. *Maud Edebyne*, of *Tatersete*, confirmed to *John*, in the hyrne of *Tatersete*, a messuage, with a croft in *Tatersete*, in a street called *Sengham*:—witness, *James de Pynkeney*, &c.

In this town were two churches. *Ralph de Pincheneia* confirmed the gift of his father to the priory of *Castleacre* by deed, sans date, the church of St. *Andrew*, as is before observed,—and was confirmed by *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*.[2]

Sir *Maurice de Barsham* gave to the said priory the advowson of the church of *All-Saints*, in the presence of *Tyngrin*, archdeacon of

[1] Regist. Col. Metynham, fol. 88. [2] Regist. Castleacr. fol. 36, 124.

Norwich, (this was in or about 1171,) with a villain, *Brunketel de Taterset*, *William de Bellomont*, by deed, *sans* date, with *Joan* his wife, confirmed it: this *Joan* was daughter and heir of Sir *Maurice*, whose manor of *East-Barsham* extended into this town. *Iwan de Dunton*, and *Alice* his wife, released, by fine, to *William de Bellomonte* the 3d part of a fee here, and in *Taterset*, *Ao.* 6°. *Henry* III.

The CHURCH of *All-Saints* was a rectory, in the patronage of the priory of *Castleacre*, in King *Edward* the First's reign; the rector had a manse, with 2 acres of land, valued at 13 marks and a half: the prior of *Castleacre* had a portion, valued at 15*s.* 2*d.*—*Peter*-pence, 20*d.*——*Symon* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1265, confirmed to *Castleacre* priory an annual pension of half a mark of this church, of the tithes of the demeans, late *William de Bellomont's*.

RECTORS.

Richard de Mellers occurs rector in 1289.
1349, *Adam Wortes*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Castleacre*.
1354, *William Somere*. *Ditto*.
1372, *Humfr. Dirywale*. *Ditto*.
Adam de Elmley.
1382, *Hasteney*. *Ditto*.
1418, *Roger Sawere*. *Ditto*.
1450, *Thomas Holand*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1468, *Leonard Fychet*, by the Bishop, *ditto*.
1476, *William Horne*. *Ditto*.
1515, *John Ailmer*, by the prior, &c.
1515, *John Wynter*.
1541, *Ad. Hamond*, by the assigns of the prior, &c.
1555, *John Crane*, by Sir *William Fermor*.
1559, *John Gibson*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1562, *Stephen Ducket*. *Ditto*.
1570, *Arthur Kettelwell*, by *Thomas Fermor*, Esq.
1601, *Valery Kettelwell*, by *Arthur Kettelwell*, *hac vice*.
1637, *Christopher Seaman*, by the assigns of *Thomas Violet*, and *Robert Burgess*, Gent.
1649, *Edward Salter*, by *Christopher Seaman*.
1664, *John Pell*, by *George Violet*.
1709, *Nath. Osborn*, by Sir *Robert Drury*, and Lady *Diana Drury* his wife, *Frances Harris*, widow, and *Cecilia Violet*, spinster.
1727, *John Stone*, by the Lady *Diana Drury*.
1758, *John Wright*, as in *Taterford*.

The CHURCH of *Taterset*, St. *Andrew*, was a rectory in the patronage of the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, in King *Edward* the First's time; the rector had a manse, and 12 acres of land, valued at 11 *marks* and an half, the prior of *Castleacre*, a portion of 20*s.* *per ann.*

RECTORS.

Roger was rector in Bishop *Eborard's* time, presented by *Angewine*, prior, and convent of *Castleacre*.
William de Wells occurs rector, 1258.
Robert de Fulburne, in 1266, and
Mr. *William de Hales*, in 1278.
Robert de Wytherseyte, in 1289.
Oliver de Mounpinzon, rector.
1320, *John Le Cuszon*, by the prior, &c.
1325, Mr. *John de Sculthorp*. *Ditto*.
1331, *John de Stanhow*. *Ditto*.
1331, *Robert de Stanhow*. *Ditto*.
John de Stanewygg.
1338, *Robert Atte Brom*, by *John* Earl *Warren*, patron of *Castleacre* priory.
1339, *John de Cotenham*. *Ditto*.
1339, *Ralph de Gate*. *Ditto*.
1342, *William Russell*. *Ditto*.
1349, *John de Darlyng*. *Ditto*.
1366, *William Warwick*. *Ditto*.
1372, *Andrew Reed*. *Ditto*.
1374, *William Sely*. *Ditto*.
1415, *John Talbot*. *Ditto*.
Thomas York. *Ditto*.
1419, *Richard Brigg*. *Ditto*.
1422, *John Shott*. *Ditto*.
1423, *William de Spanby*. *Ditto*.
1436, *John Fychet*. *Ditto*.
Nathaniel Osborn died rector, 1727.
John Stone died rector in 1758.
John Wright, rector also of *Taterford*.
In the church of *Taterset* are grave-stones.

In memory of John Walpole, Esq. who died Dec. 11, 1654.—*Edw. Pepys, Esq. who died* 22*d Dec.* 1663, *aged* 46.—*Anna Pepys, daughter of Edward, who died Sept.* 8, 1655.

TESTERTON

WAS the lordship of *Peter de Valoines* at the survey, out of which *Toka*, a freeman, was expelled at the conquest; and *Richard* held it under *Peter*; 7 bordarers had half a carucate of land, and one servus: there was one carucate in demean, and one amongst the men;

but at the survey, half a carucate, with an half acre of meadow, valued at 10*s*.[3]

It is called, in *Domesday Book, Estretuna,* being seated by a running water, or river, that comes from *Fakenham.*

Christiana de Thorp held here the moiety of a fee in *Henry* the Third's time.

The family of *De Snaring,* lords of *Snaring Parva,* seem to have enjoyed it, under the family of *De Valoines.* In the 13th of *Edward* I. *Richard Le Bule* of *Snoring Parva,* and *John Le Strange,* of *Litcham,* conveyed to *Henry de Wirham,* and *Richard Le Rus,* by fine, the advowson of the church of *Testerton. Richard Le Bule,* and *John Le Strange,* married *Matilda* and *Basilia,* two of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Philip de Snaring,* of whom see in that town; and in the 31st of that King, *Fulk de Munpinzun* and *Jane* his wife were querents, and *Edmund de Munpinzun* deforciant, in a fine, of a messuage, 30 acres of land, one of meadow, and 4*s*. rent in this town, *Colkirk,* and *Pudding Norton,* settled on *Edmund.*

In the 14th of *Edward* II. *Thomas de Grimston* held the 4th part of a fee; but in the 9th of *Edward* III. the moiety of this lordship was settled by *William de Hales* and *Catherine* his wife, with the manors of *Wicklewood, Warham,* and lands in *Kelling,* &c. on themselves in tail, remainder to *Stephen, Richard,* and *William,* their sons; and this lordship, with that of *Warham,* &c. were to revert to the heirs of *Catherine,*[4] as her inheritance; and in the 20th of the said King, *William de Hales, Richard Clerk,* and *Agnes* his wife, *John le Rous,* and *William Pavilly,* held the moiety of one quarter of a fee, which *Christiana de Thorp* formerly held; and *John le Rous* of *Reynham* presented to this church in 1346, as Sir *Stephen Hales* did in 1351.

Joan Rous, one of the daughters and heirs of *John Rous* of *Reynham* St. *Mary,* quit-claimed to *James de Billingford, Roger Raulyn,* of *Norton,* and *John Champneys,* her right in a messuage, and 32 acres of land, with the appertenances in *Testerton,* and the advowson of the church, late her father's, on the 16th of *December* in the 19th of *Richard* II. and on *July* 10, in the 12th of *Henry* VI. *Richard Bosoun,* Esq. *John Champneys,* clerk, &c. released to *Thomas Champneys,* clerk, all their right in it, with the manor of *Stiberd,* which they had of the feoffment of *John Conesby,* clerk, with the said *Thomas.*

Roger Rawlyn was lord, in 1395, and presented to the church.

William Rokewode, junior, of *Warham,* Esq. son of *William Rokewode,* Esq. by his will, dated *October* 21, 1474, bequeaths to *Alice* his wife, the moiety of this manor, remainder to his daughters, *Agnes,* and *Margaret,* remainder to his sisters, *Margaret Wase,* and *Margery,* wife of *James Gresham,* remainder to the right heirs of *Elizabeth,* his mother; proved *November* 8, 1474.[5]

[3] Terre Petri Valoniensis, H. de Brodercros.——In Estretuna, tenet. Ricard. qm. ten. Toka, lib. ho. T. R. E. dim. car. tre. sep. vii. bor. et i. ser. sep. in dnio. i. car. tc. houm i. et p. m°. d. car. dim. ac. pti. tc. val. x. sol. m°. simil.

[4] Catherine was daughter of William Jurdan, of Laringsete, lord of Wicklewood, Warham, and a moiety of Testerton.

[5] Regist. Gelour. fol. 105 and pt. 2d, 78.

AGNES, his daughter, married Sir *Nicholas Appleyard*, of *Braken*, in *Norfolk*, who died lord in 1511; and in the 9th of *Henry* VIII. being then a widow, settled this lordship, with that of *Warham Hales*, and *Holt*, on her son and heir, *Roger Appleyard*, and his heirs. *Roger* married *Elizabeth*, relict, as is said, of Sir *Terry Robsert*,[6] of *Sedistern*, in *Norfolk*: he died on the 8th of *July*, in the 20th of *Henry* VIII. leaving *John*, his son and heir, aged one year: his will is dated in 1528, and proved *December* 7, 1529, wherein he gives to each of his daughters, *Anne*, *Frances*, and *Bridget*, 200*l.* to be paid out of his manors of *Warham*, *Holt*, and *Testerton-Hales*.

JOHN APPLEYARD, Esq. was lord in the 2d of *Edward* VI. and had livery of this manor, with those of *Brakenash*, *East Charlton*, *Holt*, *Stanfield* in *Windham*, *Hethill*, *Newton*, &c. in *Norfolk*, and *Byron* in *Hertfordshire*. He married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Hogan*, Esq. of *East Bradenham*, was high sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in 1558, and bore for his arms, *azure*, a chevron *or*, between three owlets, *argent*. This *John* sold to *Thomas Townesend*, Esq. this lordship; and in 1572 *John Stanley*, gentleman, is said to hold it in right of his wife, (probably relict of this *John*,) the reversion being in *Thomas Townesend*, then a minor, son of *Thomas Townesend*, who purchased it of *Appleyard*, and was a younger son of Sir *Roger Townesend*, Knt. of *Raineham*, by *Anne* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas Brewse*; which *Thomas Townesend*, Esq. married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Calybut* of *Castleacre*, Esq. and left *Thomas*, his son and heir, who by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Richard Catlyn* of *Huningham*, serjeant at law, had *Thomas Townsend*, Esq. and by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Richard Timperly* of *Hintlesham* in *Suffolk*, Esq. left *Dorothy*, his daughter and heir, who brought this manor by marriage to *Thomas Bedingfeld*, Esq. whose son and heir, *Anthony*, married *Anne*, daughter of ——— who was his widow in 1621. *Thomas Bedingfeld*, Esq. his son, died in ———, and left *Anthony Bedingfeld*, Esq. lord of this town, and of *Holm-Hale*, and dying in 1707, *Francis*, his son and heir, sold it to *John Curteis*, Gent. *Margaret*, widow of *Antony*, died in 1722, and was buried by her husband, in the church of *Hale*; *Anthony*, brother of *Francis*, was a *Jesuite*, and a missionary in *England*.

MR. BENONI MALLET, of *Dunton*, is the peresent lord, 1757.

The tenths were 2*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 14*s.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 4*s.*

WILLIAM PRAT, and *Beatrix* his wife, conveyed to Sir *Roger Townesend*, the manor of *Wrights*, in *Testerton*, *Riburgh*, and *Puding Norton*, in the 19th of *Henry* VIII. This was united to the aforesaid lordship, and family, and so conveyed with it.

The CHURCH of *Testerton*, is dedicated to St. *Remigius*, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 8 *marks*; the prior of *Bynham's* portion was 10*s.*—*Peter*-pence 5*d. q.* The present valor is 5*l.*

[6] This is a mistake, Sir Terry's widow died in 1535; see in Sedistern.

RECTORS.

1324, *Richard de Elyngham*, rector, presented by *Stevhen de Warham*, &c.
Richard Markaunt.
1346, *Thomas de Etton*, by *John Rous.*
1351, *John Stawer*, by Sir *Stephen de Hales.*
1358, *Roger Charlepoint.* *Ditto.*
1366, *William Wyth*, by the attorney of Sir *Stephen de Hales.*
1384, *Richard Gery*, by *John Skot.*
1395, *John Major*, by *Joan* relict of Sir *S. Hales.*
1395, *Charles Aleyn*, by *Roger Raulings.*
1411, *Thomas Hervy*, by Sir *Robert Berney*, Knt.
1457, *John Fakenham*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1460, *Robert Zunytehed*, by *William Rookewood*, Esq.
1477, *John Malyney*, by *Thomas Howard*, Esq.
1482, *Richard Fenwick*, by *Charles Wright.*
1504, *Palph Calton.*
1513, *Thomas Davyson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1517, *Pichard Oldeman.* *Ditto.*
1567, *John Hewet*, collated by the Archbishop, a lapse.
1615, *Thomas Barsham*, by *Thomas Townsend*, Esq.
1617, *Leonard Helgh.* *Ditto.*
1645, *Richard Mason*, by *Roger Townsend*, Esq. and *G. Jervis*, Gent.
1680, *William Briggs*, by *Ant. Bedingfield*, Esq.
1709, *John Frankling*, by *Fr. Bedingfield*, Esq.
1711, *Thomas Turner*, by *Henry Curteis*, merchant.
1749, *Anthony Carr*, by *William Lake*, merchant, *Thomas Weatherhead*, clerk, and *John Curtis*, Gent.

Gild of the Holy *Trinity*, and St, *Remigius.*—The crucifix light.—St. *Mary's*, St. *Nicholas's*, St. *Christhopher's*, and St. *Erasmus's.*

TOFTES, OR TOFTREES.

PART of this town was a beruite to the Earl *Warren's* manor of *Sculthorp*, consisting of 4 carucates, and 2 socmen, with 40 acres, and under them were 12 bordarers, and an acre and half of meadow, &c. and a church with 60 acres;[7] this was accounted for, and valued under *Sculthorpe.*

It is called in *Domesday Book*, *Tofsas* and *Toftes*, and seems to take its name from *toft*, a dwelling, and *sas* or *es*, by the water:

[7] Tre. Willi. de Warenna, Hundret. de Galhou. Semp. iiii. car. et ii. al. soc. de XL. ac. manent, in Tofsas. et sub. ipsis xii. bord. i. ac. et dim. pti. semp. ii. car. i. ecclia. LX. ac.

some may conceive it to take the name of *Rys*, being called afterwards *Toftrys*, from a family that lived here: the first of that name that I meet with, was *William Rys*, who held some lands here in the reign of *Richard* II. but had no lordship to entitle him to impose his own additional name, as some considerable lords did, on their towns and lordships; that *Rys* bespeaks a river, or stream of water, appears from *Ryburgh*, *Reynham*, *Rysing*, *Rysby*, &c.

The noble family of *De Playz* were, soon after the conquest, enfeoffed of many lordships, by the Earl *Warren*.

SIR HUGH DE PLAYZ was lord in the reign of King *John*, and one of the rebellious barons against him, and held 7 knights fees in *Sussex*; he married *Philipa*, one of the daughters of *Richard de Montefixo*, or *Mountfitchet*, and sister and coheir of *Richard* Lord *Montfitchet*, a great baron, of *Stansteud* in *Essex*, by whom he had *Richard de Playz*, his son and heir. Sir *Hugh* married to his second wife, *Beatrix de Say*, widow of *Hugh de Nevill*.

RICHARD DE PLAYZ, in the 53d of *Henry* III. as one of the nephews and heirs to the Lord *Richard Montfitchet*, paid his relief for the third part of *Montfitchet's* lands, and was lord of this manor, and of *Leye* in *Kent*, in the 40th of *Henry* III.; to this *Richard* succeeded *Ralph*, his son and heir, 9 years of age, in the 3d of *Edward* I. and in ward to *Robert Aguilon*; *Isabel*, or *Alice*, widow of *Richard*, being living in the 13th of that King.[8] *Ralph* dying without issue, left *Richard* his brother heir to the estate, to whom succeeded Sir *Gyles de Playz*, who had summons to parliament as a baron, in the 25th of *Edward* I. and in the 31st of that King, died seized of this lordship, and that of *Weting*, &c. held of the Earl *Warren*, leaving *Richard* his son and heir, 6 years of age; *Joan*, his widow, was living in 1313, Sir *Richard* had a summons to parliament, in the 11th, &c. of *Edward* II.; he had a lete, and paid to the hundred court of *Brothercross* 12*d. per annum*, and held 3 fees in *Toftrees*, *Sherford*, *Geyton*, *Sparham*, *Bradenham*, *Feltwell*, *Knapton*, &c.; by ——, sister and heir of *John*, and daughter of *Roger de Lancaster*, he left a son, *Richard*, found heir to *John de Lancaster* of *Stanstede*, in *Essex*, who died on *Wednesday* preceding the feast of *All-Saints*, in the 33d of *Edward* III. *Richard*, by his wife *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, left *John*, his son and heir, aged 18 years, who married *Joan*, daughter of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, of *Ingham* in *Norfolk*, and by her had a daughter and heir, *Margaret*, married to Sir *John Howard*, ancestor of the Dukes of *Norfolk*. The will of Sir *John Plaiz* is dated on *Thursday* before the feast of St. *John Baptist*, in 1385, at *Ocle Magna*, in *Essex*, and was proved *July* 16, in 1389; he bequeaths his body to be buried in the priory of *Bromehill*, in *Weting*, to which house he gives a whole suit of vestments, a cup, a thurable, two vials, an incense boat, and an osculatory of silver gilt; with legacies to several religious houses, 20*s.* to the church, and benefactions to many others; to *Joan* his wife, all his goods and chatels in this manor, &c.

SIR JOHN HOWARD, by *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Plaiz*, had a son, Sir *John Howard*, who died in 1410, and by *Joan* his wife, daughter of Sir *Richard Walton*, left *Elizabeth*, his daughter and heir, who married *John Vere*, Esq. Earl of *Oxford*, beheaded in

[8] Alice de Pleiz claimed the lete here, in the 3d. of Edward I.

the 1st year of King *Edward* IV. whose grandson, *John* Earl of *Oxford*, dying without issue, this lordship came to this 3 sisters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Ant. Wingfield*; *Dorothy*, to *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*; and *Ursula*, to Sir *Edward Knightly*; and *Ursula*, dying without issue, one moiety of the manor was vested in the Lord *Latimer*, and the other in *Wingfield*.

The Lord *Peter de Valoine's* manor of *Ryburgh* extended into this town, and was a beruite to it, who had 30 acres of land held by 4 bordarers, one carucate in demean, and half a one among his men, valued at the survey, at 5*l.* was 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt,[9] and, together with *Ryburgh Magna*, was worth 5*l. per annum*.

HEMPTON-PRIORY MANOR.

Henry, son of *Roger de Warham*, released by fine to *Richard*, prior of *Hempton*, his right in a messuage, 17 acres of land, and 3*s.* and a half-penny rent in *Toftee-Rys*, and in the tenement that the said prior held there, of the gift of *Bertram*, son of *Nicholas Nuion*, and of *Margery* his wife, sister of the said *Henry*, of the inheritance of *Agnes*, the mother of *Henry*, whose heir he was. In the 56th of *Henry* III. and in the 1st of *Edward* I. the prior had here, and in *Norton*, 2 *marks per ann.* rent, purchased of *William de Helweton*, who was enfeoffed hereof by *William de Waterden*, who held in *capite*.

RICHARD, prior of the conventual church of St. *Stephen* of *Hempton*, and the convent, in their chapter-house, granted to *John Rys* of this town, and *Alice* his wife, &c. lands here, called *Cokys-Croft*, paying 4*d. per ann.* dated on the feast of the conception of the Blessed Virgin, in the 28th year of King *Henry* VI. and about this time their temporalities were valued at 5*l.* 11*s.* 10*d. ob. q. per ann.*

In the 20th of *Henry* VII. this lordship was charged with an annuity of 20*s. per ann.* payable to *Henry Fermor*, Esq. of *East-Barsham*, for life, and on the 9th of *September*, in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. granted to Sir *William Fermor*, and the Lady *Catherine* his wife, and after, came with the patronage of the vicarage, and the rectory, from the Duke of *Norfolk*, to *Rothwell*, *Clifton*, and the Lord *Townsend*.

The manor of *Haviles* in *Reynham* extended into this town; and *Thomas de Hauvill* held it in the 30th of *Edward* I. *Henry Scoggan* held it in the 9th of *Henry* IV.; soon after it came to the *Townsends*; and in the 27th of *Henry* VIII. was possessed by Sir *Roger Townsend*, as may be see in *Rainham*, and so was joined to the capital manor; the whole town being now in the Lord *Townsend*.

The CLIFTONS of this town were a family of good account: *John Clifton*, and *William Clifton*, were living here in the reign of *Henry* VI. as was *Nicholas Clifton*, and *Henry* his son, in the 20th of *Henry* VII. *Henry Clifton*, by his will, dated *April* 20, 1548, desires to be buried in this church, and was proved *December* 1, 1554;[1] the will of *Barbara*, his widow, is dated —— 18, 1558, and was here buried by

[9] Huic. man. ptin. (Reienburgh) i. beruita, Toftes de xxx. ac. tre. sep. iiii. bor. sep. in dnio. i. car. tc. et sep. dim. car. houm. tc val. iiii. lib. m°. v. lib. Toftes hab. iiii. qr. in long. et iii. in lato. et xv*d.* in gelto.

[1] Regist. Wilkins. Norw. p. 56.

her husband *Henry; Thomas Clifton,* her son, and *Cæcilia*[2] his wife, *Stephen,* her son, *Mary,* her daughter, and *Catherine,* her daughter beforementioned,[3] married to *Edward Gosnal* of *Bildneston,* in *Suffolk,* and *Amy,* to *Clement Herward* of *Gressenhale,* Gent. The said *Barbara* was daughter of —— *Hewet* of *Elsing,* in *Norfolk,* and the will was proved *March* 18, 1558.

In the 43d of *Elizabeth,* one *Evans* took the son of one *Clifton,* a gentleman of *Norfolk,* who was taught to sing for his recreation, by virtue of a commission to take children for the King's service in his chapel, but he being a gentleman's son, *Evans,* for that offence, was grievously punished.[4] The heiress of this family is said to have married —— *Ruding,* Esq.[5]

The tenths were 6*l.*—Deducted 1*l.*—The temporalities of *Petreston* priory were 18*s.* of *Warden* abbey 11*s.*

In this parish was a beacon.

The CHURCH of *Toftes* is dedicated to *All-Saints,* and was a rectory, valued at 28 *marks,* and being appropriated to the priory of *Lewes,* a vicarage was settled at 7*l.* 18*s.* 6*d. ob.* anciently at 8 *marks. Peter*-pence 14*d.*—*William,* the second Earl *Warren,* gave it to the convent of *Lewes,* and it was appropriated in 1246, by *Walter,* Bishop.

PETER Lord *Valoins,* founder of *Binham* priory, confirmed to it, in the reign of *Henry* I. two parts of the tithes of this lordship, (which *Richard de Spineto,* held of *Ralph Fucatus,* who held it of *Peter,*) the church of *Tofts* having the third part, or sheaf: this portion of *Binham* priory was valued at 20*s. per ann.* in 1428, and was demised by the prior and convent, for ever, in the 7th of *Richard* II.

ROBERT, prior of *Lewes,* and the convent, granted the appropriated rectory, and portion aforesaid, with the patronage of the vicarage, to the King, by fine *A°.* 29th of *Henry* VIII. and the King, on *December* 22, in the said year, granted them to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

The guilds of the Holy Trinity, of St. *Baptist,* and St. *Thomas,* of this church, are mentioned in 1516.[6]

In the chancel, against the north wall, is a marble copartment, on the summit of which is the arms of *Clifton;* cheque, *or* and *gules,* a bend over all, *ermine,* and in an oval, below it, a globe, with an arm over it, issuing out of the clouds, holding a lily, and this motto—MIHI MINUS IN LUBRICUM; under this the shield of *Crofts,* quarterly, in the first and fourth, *p.* fess indented, *azure* and *argent,* a lion sable, a *or,* in the 2d *gules,* a cross patonce, *argent, Quitwell;* in the 3d quarter, chevron *ermin,* between three covered cups, *or, Felmingham,* impaling quarterly, passant, *Townsend,* and *Hayvill.* In the centre, on a black marble,

Siste vivens, quia moriturus es, et meditare mortuos——
Fuere HENRICUS CLIFTON, Armiger, et uxor Maria, filia Thomæ Crofts, de Felmingham, Armig. qui quondam trinj unius Dej et

[2] Cæcilia, daughter of —— Lawes.
[3] Reg. Woodcock, Norw.
[4] Coke's Reports, fol. 46.
[5] Tho. Clifton of Tofts, Gent. married Elizabeth, daughter of Calybut Walpole, Esq. of Houghton, and was living in the reign of King Charles I.
[6] Regist. Gyles, Norw. fo. 112.

fide et timore freti vixere; nunc velle suo et pace manumissi, recessere. Ille, A. D. 1620. *Ætat.* 57, *Illa A. D.* 1603, *æt.* 36. *Quorum jam nomina memoriæ et piæ et humanæ et officiosæ, non ingratè debita, ne cito nimis evaderent, aut Tu illorum nesciu abires, hoc nullo quasi, (sed quali potuit) mnemosyno curavit filius.*

Quod tantum potui positis pro nomine, signis
Filius (unus enim binâ de prole relictus
Huc usq; existo) lacrymas et funera solvo.
Sic ego lassatam (non duro tramite) vitam
Deponam placidè, sic me vixisse bonorum
Consensus memoret, nam non bene vivere, non est.
Sic tandem Ætherium moriturus adire parentem
(His ego privatus) mediter dum flebilis ultro
Circumstet proles, quæ nostrum nomen et omen,
Numine propitij confisa et nomine Christi,
Promoveat, placidas, sic, sic juvat ire sub umbras.
Τὸ γὰρ θανεῖν ἐκ αἰσχρὸν αλλ' αἰσχρὸν θανεῖν.

On the pavement of the chancel, a grave-stone,

In memory of Jane Ruding, daughter of William Ruding, of West-Coat, Esq. and Abigail his wife, daughter of Henry Clyfton, of Tofts, Esq. she dyed Janu. 3, 1709, *aged* 38 *years,* also of *Martha Ruding, daughter of William Ruding, and Abigail his wife, and* 3 *sons, William, Clifton,* and *Richard.*

Also an old marble grave-stone, deprived of its cross flory, and letters of brass round the rim, and covered for the most part with a pew, from what can be seen of the incision made for the letters, it was in *French,* about the time of *Edward* I. probably in memory of some priest,

****PAR. JCJ. ****PASSE. ******PAR. L. ALME.

VICARS.

1302, *William Edmund,* presented to the vicarage by the sub-prior and convent of *Lewes,* was instituted vicar.
1329, *John de Gottelbrigg,* by the prior, &c.
1338, *John Wineboum,* by *John* Earl *Warren,* the temporalities of priory being then in his hands.
1349, *John,* son of *Robert Prest,* by the prior of *Lewis.*
1393, *William Rust. Ditto.*
1410, *Richard Preston. Ditto.*
1416, *Alexander Colyn. Ditto.*
1443, *Walter Hynde,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1456, *John Wright. Ditto.*
1462, *Henry Franceys. Ditto.*
1481, *Edmund Herbard. Ditto.*
1491, *William Ottelee,* by the prior, &c. of *Lewes.*
1506, *John Cayle. Ditto.*
1510, *John Westhouse. Ditto.*
1512, *Edmund Medewe.*

1524, *Edmund Clerk.*
1546, *Humf. Wilson,* by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*
1558, *Thomas Brewer,* by the King.
Robert Seman,
1560, *Thomas Mason,* by *Catherine Farmer,* widow.
1575, *Richard Russell,* by *Hugh Rothwell.*
1576, *John Langdon,* alias *Baker. Ditto.*
1578, *Vinc. Man. Ditto.*
1583, *John Pynknay. Ditto.*
1624, *Tob. Legg,* by *Elizabeth Clifton,* widow.
1640, *John Lyng,* by *Henry Clifton,* Esq.
1706, *William Peartree* was admitted curate.
1732, *Edward Franklin,* on the death of *Daniel Hopkins,* by the Lord *Townsend.*

This town gives name to the deanery of *Toftrees,* which was taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.* in *Edward* the First's reign, who paid synodals to the archdeacon of *Norwich,* and *Peter*-pence 8*s.*

1323, *William de Stoketon* was collated dean, by the Bishop.
1348, *Richard de Pulham. Ditto.*

WATERDEN,

So called from its site, in a watery valley. *Lambert* was enfeoffed of it, and held it at the survey under the Earl *Warren;* two freemen, who enjoyed it in King *Edward's* reign, being dispossessed of it: it contained a carucate of land, 17 bordarers, 2 servi belonging to the demean, who had amongst them, 2 carucates, and a church with 5 acres, and this, with the Earl's fee in *Creke,* was valued at 20*s.* but at the survey at 17*s.* 4*d.* and was, with that, 3 furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[7]

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Reginald de St. Martin* held in this town, and *Hempton,* by *Fakenham,* and *East-Barsham,* one knight's fee, of the Earl *Warren,* and *Roger de St. Martin,* his son, held half a fee, of *Hugh Bardolf,* who held of the aforesaid Earl; and the prior of *Fakenham* (*viz. Hempton*) held half a quarter of it in the said reign.

Simon Le Grant conveyed it, in the 12th of that King, by fine, to *William de St. Martin,* and *Petronel* his wife, and to her heirs; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Roger de St. Martin* had the assise of bread, &c.

A fine was levied in the 2d of *Edward* II. between *Robert,* son of *Richard Adelward* of *South-Creke,* querent, and *Richard,* son of

[7] Hund. de Galhou.——Tre. Willi. de Warenna.——In Wat' denna ten. Lambt. i. car. tre. qua. tenuer. ii. lib. hoes. T. R. E. semp. xvii. bord. tc. ii. serv. semp. in dnio. et intr. oes. ii. car. i. ecclia. v. ac. tc. val. xx. sol. modo. xvii. sol. et iiii*d.* et ht. in longo iii. qr. et a. in lato. et xii*d.* in gelto.

Robert Adelwald, of the same, deforciant, of 5 messuages, a mill, 80 acres of land, &c. with 5*s.* rent here, settled on *Robert*. After the death of *Roger de St. Martin*, *John de Mileham* was lord, and in the 7th of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *William Durant* of *Sechith*, by *Lynn*, and *Millecent* his wife, (daughter and heir of *Thomas de Mileham*,) and *Tho. de Mileham* and *John de Gately*, parson of *Doketon*, who settled this lordship on *William*, and *Millecent* in tail; and *William Durant*, and *Millecent*, were found in the 20th of the said reign, to hold half a fee of *Bardolf*, of which the prior of *Hempton* held half a quarter, late *Roger de St. Martin's*; and *John de Wolterton* is said to have aliened to the prior of *Damsend*, (*Hempton*,) lands, or a manor here.

In the 39th of *Henry* VI. *William Walton*, Esq. was lord of *Waterden-Hall*, in right of *Catherine* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Dorant*, son of *William*. In 1st of *Richard* III. *John Walton*, Gent. son of *John Walton*, Esq. sold by deed, dated *July* 18, this manor to *Thomas Sefoule*, Gent. *Richard*, and *Robert Whinburgh*; and the said *Thomas* was lord in the 14th of *Henry* VII. and died before the 7th of *Henry* VIII. and made *Elizabeth* his wife, and *Henry Fermour* his executors: he was descended from *John Sefoule*, a justice of assise, with *John de Milford*, and *John de Hedersete*. In the 7th of *Edward* II. Sir *Ralph Sefoule*, and *Beatrix* his wife, were living, and sealed with *vert*, a cross patonce, *or*. In the 14th of *Edward* III. and in the 38th of that King, *Edmund Sefoul* had lands in *Frenge* in *Norfolk*.—*George Sefoule* purchased land of *And. Castell*, and *Margaret* his wife, in this town, 26th of *Henry* VI.—*George* and *Thomas Sefoule* were feoffees of lands in *East-Barsham*, in the 34th of that King; and *George Sefoule* of *Waterden*, according to his will, dated *August* 5th, 1469, was buried in the church of *Waterden*, *All-Saints*, and mentions therein, *Margery* his wife, *Thomas* his son and heir, his sons, *William*, *John*, and *Edward*,[8] *Elizabeth* his daughter, married to *Thomas Davy*, &c.

Gyles Sefoule, Esq. was lord in 1556, and married *Alice*, daughter of *Laurence Norton* of *South-Creke*, and heir to her brother *John*, and had a daughter *Margery*, married to *Henry Hastings* of *Yaxham*, Esq and *Alice*, to *Richard Manser* of *North-Creke*, and *Catherine*, to *John Hull* of *Barsham*.

Thomas Sefoule, Esq. of *Waterden*, occurs lord, in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, and by deed, dated *May* 3, in her sixth year, grants to *Thomas*, his son and heir, by *Elizabeth* his wife, this manor and advowson of the church, and to his lawful heirs in default of which to *Anne*, and *Catherine* his daughters, remainder to *Nicholas Coote*, Gent. and his heirs, &c. and *Thomas Sefoule*, Esq. on the 10th of *June*, in the 18th of that Queen, sold to *Thomas Farmer* of *Dunton*, lands, with a foldcourse here, of the gift of his father *Thomas*. *Nicholas Sefoule* of *Waterden*, Esq. and *Bridget Sefoule*, widow, mother of *Thomas*, were witnesses to a deed, in the 43d of *Elizabeth*. In the said year, *William Thirleby*, Gent. and *Bartholomew Johnson*, had a *præcipe* to deliver to *William Armiger*, junior, Gent. and *William Reymes*, Gent. this manor; and *Henry Sefoule* of this town, Gent sold lands in *East-Barsham* to *William Beaumont* of *Lycham*, in *Norfolk*, Gent. *July* 10, in the 22d of *James* I.

[8] Regist. Belings, Norw.

The Earl of *Leicester* died lord and patron in 1759, *April* 20th.

The temporalities, of *Fakenham* (or *Hempton*) priory in 1428, were valued at 39*s.* and 4*d. per ann.*—*Walsingham* priory temporalities at 6*d.*

The spiritualities of *Castleacre* priory 18*s.*

The tenths were 3*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 18*s.*—Lete fee to the lord of the hundred 2*s.*

The CHURCH of *Waterden* is dedicated to *All-Saints: Roger de St. Martin* was patron in *Edward* the First's reign; the rector had then a manse, with 24 acres of land, valued at 12 *marks;* the prior of *Castleacre* a portion at 18*s.* *Peter*-pence 18*d.*—*Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre,* two parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Robert de Barsham, Roger de St. Martin,* and a mediety of 20 acres of the demeans of *William de Burnham.*—*William,* the third Earl *Warren,* confirmed to that priory, the tithe of *Waterden,* of the donation of *Lambert de Rosej.*

The present valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

RECTORS.

Adam de Rusteyn occurs rector, about 1260.

1301, *Richard de Thorpernold,* by Sir *Roger de St. Martin.*

1337, *Adam Josce,* by *William Durant.*

1342, *William Kervil.* *Ditto.*

1349, *John Rachyth.* *Ditto.*

1393, *John York,* by *John Marlere,* &c.

1447, *William Legge,* on the resignation of *William Fowle,* by Sir *Henry Inglose.*

1598, *Simon Steers,* died rector.

1740, *Samuel Alston,* by Lord *Lovell.*

1750, *John Hemming,* by the Earl of *Leicester.*

1750, *Thomas Flack.* *Ditto.*

BLOFIELD HUNDRED.

THE Crown had the lordship of this hundred, and King *Henry* I. directed his writ to *Ralph Basset*, and *Aubrey de Ver*, to the sheriffs and barons of *Norfolk*, certifying his grant to *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*, for life, of 100*s. per ann.* out of the profits and issues of this hundred, and that of *Walesham*.

Sir *William de* St. *Omer* farmed these two hundreds, in the 52d of *Henry* III. at 9*l. per ann.*; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. Sir *William* let them at 24*l. per ann.* together with that of *Taverham* and *Walsham*;—*Nicholas de Castello* of *Raveningham* farmed them at the King's pleasure, in the 10th of that King.

The jury, in the 15th of *Edward* I. find that *John Blaber* of *Attlebrigg* had took sanctuary in the church of St. *Matthew* in *Norwich*, in the liberty of the prior of *Norwich*, and that he confessed himself a thief; but the said church, though in the liberty of the prior, was in the precinct of *Blofield* hundred, and not in the city liberty, as appears from the records and rolls of *Nicholas de Turri*, and his associates, late itinerant justices; and that the whole parishes of St. *Matthew*, St. *Hellen's*, St. *Martin's*, and St. *Paul's*, in *Norwich*, were in *Blofield* hundred, and not in the liberty of the city; that *Ratone-row*, *Tomb-land*, and all the land to the river *Wenson*, *Norman's* land, or *Paul's* hospital, *Holm-street*, and St. *Giles's* hospital, were all in the said hundred, before the charters of the King granted them to the city, which had no hamlet or village belonging to it, out of its walls or suburbs, but *Heigham*. Sir *John de Clavering* held this hundred of the Crown in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Bartholomew de Pyveyer* had an annuity of 40*l. per ann. January* 24, in the ——— of *Henry* VII. for life, out of the issues of the hundreds of *Blofield*, *East* and *West Flegg*, *Happing*, *Taverham*, and *Humbleyard*; and King *James* I. by letters patents, dated *December* 22, *Ao.* 4°, granted to Sir *Charles Cornwallis*, Knt. during the lives of *Charles*, eldest son of Sir *William Cornwallis*, *Thomas Cornwallis*, Esq. second son of Sir *Charles*, and *Thomas Cornwallis*, Esq. son of Sir *William*, the hundred of *Blofield*, with all the rights and profits, paying for the same the rent of 6*l.* 10*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

It appears from the register of St. *Bennet's Abbey*, that when an estate, which ought to do suit to the hundred court, came to be divided, by sale, descent, or inheritance, by divers persons into divers parts, yet but one suit was to be done.[1]

[1] Reg. Holm. fol. 145.

There was anciently a deanery with its proper deans, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*. The deanery still retains the name of *Blofield*, but no deans have been collated for above two centuries past, (see in *Blofield* town,) and this hundred made part of the said deanery.

On an appeal of death, in the *King's Bench*, in the 38th of *Henry* III. the defendant pleaded, that he was a clerk, and would not answer; and *J. R.* then dean of *Blofield*, came into court on the behalf of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and demanded him, as a clerk of *Norwich* diocese, by letters patent of the Bishop, testifying that he constituted *J. R.* to require and receive him of the court as a clerk of his diocese, and he was delivered to *J. R.* the court speaking to him, that he should exhibit quick and full justice to him, in the court ecclesiastical, according to the laws ecclesiastical.—This shews the manner, at that time, of pleading the benefit of the clergy.

BLOFIELD.

THIS town was, at the survey, one entire lordship, possessed by *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, in his own right, as a lay fee. *Almar* Bishop of *Elmham* (Archbishop *Stigand's* brother) was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and part of the Conqueror's, till deprived in 1070. He is said to have been a married priest, and to have held it in right of his wife, being her portion. On this depriva tion, it was granted to *Beaufoe*, and consisted of two carucates of land, nine villains, two servi, two carucates in demean, and half a carucate of the tenants, &c. four acres of meadow, &c. In King *Edward's* time there belonged to this manor 43 socmen, (who could not sell or grant their lands,) with three carucates of land, and four acres of meadow, and ten carucates, &c. *William de Noiers*, *Rainald Baldwin*, and *Helias*, held five socmen under *Beaufoe*; and, besides these, the Bishop, in the Confessor's time, had the forfeiture of six, but the hundred had not seen the writ, the seal, or grant of the King. It was valued then, in the whole, at 7*l.* at the survey at 8*l.* was one leuca long, and three furlongs, and in breadth one leuca and one furlong; paid gelt 30*d.* *Almar* had this manor with his wife, before he was a bishop, and held it afterward whilst he was a bishop. *William Beaufoe*, Bishop, is the present lord.[a]

[a] Tre. Willi. Episi. Tedfordens. de Feudo.——In Blafelda ten. Almarus Eps. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. ix. vill. et ii. serv. sep. ii. car. in dnio. et dim. car. hom. silv. viii. porc. et iiii. ac. pti. sep. ii. runc. et ii. an. m°. xi. porc. et iii. cap. et isti man. ptinet. XLIII. soc. T. R. E. et semp. qui non potuerunt terras suas vend. nec dare. iii. car. tre. et iiii. ac. pti. tc. et car. m°. ix. Wills. tenet v. soc. Rainald. Balduinus et Helias, sup. hos habuit T. R. E. Eps. vi. foris facturas, sed hund. nec videt breve, nec sigillu. nec concessit Regis tnc. totu. val. vii. lib. m°. viii. lib. et ht. in long. i. lg. et iii. qr. et in lato i. lg. et i. qr. et de gelto xxxd. h. man. accep. Almar. cum uxore sua antequa. esset Eps. et postea in Episcopatu. m°. ten W. Eps.

On the death of this Bishop, it came to the episcopal see by his donation, and was esteemed the head of the barony of the see of *Norwich*, and held *in capite* of the Bishop by the ancient family of *De Cateston*, or *Caston*. Sir *Robert de Caston* appears to have held it in the time of Bishop *Ralph*, about the year 1236, and claimed, in the Bishop's right, to fish, to cut reed in any part of the town, and fen lying against *Whitton*, and sealed with the Holy Lamb.

Walter de Suffield, Bishop, had a charter of free warren, in the 35th of *Henry* III. and in the 49th, *William de Newton* complained against several particular persons, and against the townships of *Blofield*, *Hasingham*, &c. for being assaulted and beat there; and the townships were bailed, and obliged to appear at the *King's Bench*;[3] I mention this as a quere,—whether such a complaint would be good at this time.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the Bishop claimed free warren in his demean lands, frank pledge, assise of bread, &c. weyf, &c. In the see it remained till the exchange of lands made between King *Henry* VIII. in his 27th year, and Bishop *Rugg*, by act of parliament, *February* 4, and then was vested in the Crown; and the said King, on *June* 20, in his 32d year, granted it to Sir *Thomas Paston*, in consideration of other lands, together with the patronage of the church.

The manor had court baron, and lete, which, with the patronage of the church, and the Bishop's palace here, were all conveyed; the demean lands contained 280 acres, besides as much land as was let for 20 marks *per ann.* Rent of assise, and quitrents, were 20*l. per ann.* In this family it continued many years, *Edward Paston*, Esq. being ord and patron in 1640.

In *Domesday Book* the town is wrote *Blafelda*, from its site near a river, and gives name to the hundred: thus we find *Blakeney* in *Norfolk*, *Blakenham* and *Blaxhall* in *Suffolk*, *Blakesley* in *Northamptonshire*, *Blakenham* in *Cheshire*, and *Blaby* in *Leicestershire*; all thus seated by some considerable water; also *Blore* in *Staffordshire*, and *Blonorton* in *Norfolk*.

The tenths were 5*l.* 3*s.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*—Temporalities of *Carhow*-priory 4*s.* 5*d.*—This lordship was esteemed to be the head of the barony of his see of *Norwich*, consisting of five knights fees.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Andrew*: ancient valor 48 marks; *Peter*-pence 4*s.* carvage 4*d.* The prior of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe, valued at 10*s.* granted by Bishop *John de Grey*, and confirmed by Bishop *Blomvile*; the church was not visited by the archdeacon, being in the Bishop's manor:—the present valor is 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays tenths, &c.

RECTORS.

John Terri occurs rector about 1235.
In 1303, Mr. *William de Foddringey* instituted.
1303, *Alan de Ely*, collated by the Bishop.
1308, *Robert de Fuldone*. *Ditto*.
1327, Mr. *Gilbert de Yarwell*. *Ditto*.

[3] Plita. cor. Rege, Rot. 7t.

In 1349, *February* 6, *William Bateman* Bishop of *Norwich* reserved the profits of this rectory, by papal authority, to the use of his table, for life, but applied them to the building of *Trinity-hall* in *Cambridge*. Soon after, *April* 22, he collated

Robert de Stratton, L. L. B.

1352, *Roger de Holm*. *Ditto*.

1369, *William de Beverley*. *Ditto*.[4]

1391, Mr. *William de Feriley*. *Ditto*.

1399, *Robert Foulmere*. *Ditto*.

1401, *William Carleton*, L. L. D. *Ditto*.

William Sponne occurs rector 1419, archdeacon of *Norfolk*.

William Bernham, *Decret. Bacc.* occurs rector 1420, and the Bishop's vicar-general.

1454, *Robert Appubby*, *Decret. Dr.* occurs rector.

1455, *John Pelot*. *Decret. Dr*.

Thomas Howes about 1460.

1471, *William de Pykenham*, L. L. D. and the Bishop's vicar-general.

Thomas Warren, rector in 1493.

Thomas Brook, B. D. rector in 1561.

George Gardiner, D. D. rector about 1580, dean of *Norwich*, &c.

Thomas Bostock, ----.

Edmund Suckling occurs rector 1609, afterwards dean of *Norwich*, &c.

1634, *Ambrose Congham*,

Alexander Shipdam occurs rector 1647.

Charles Reve died rector in 1727.

1727, *James Dover*, by *Samuel Colby*.

1735, *Phil. Candler*, by *Isaac Park*, weaver. *Caius* college, *Cambridge*, the present patrons.

Here were the guilds of *Holy Trinity*, St. *Mary*, and St. *John Baptist*, to which *Peter* ——— gave a rood and a half of land in 1421.

In 1349, the Bishop collated to the mastership of the grammar school in this town *William Bunting*.

BLOFIELD DEANERY

Was taxed at 13*s*. 4*d*.—In 1256, *Robert* ——— occurs dean; it paid synodals to the archdeacon of *Norwich*, at St. *Michael*, 25*s*. and the same at *Easter*:—*Peter*-pence, 25*d*. Carvage to the high altar of the cathedral church of *Norwich*, in *Whitsunday* week, with solemn procession, 5*s*.; to the sacrist for copes 4*d*.; to the clerks of the church for ringing 4*d*. It seems by this that it was part of the dean's offices to collect these dues from each church in his deanery.

In 1306, Mr. *Thomas de Byteryng*, collated dean by the Bishop. 1307, *Adam de Tyringham*. 1308, *Thomas de Foxton*. 1319, *Henry de Thornton*. *Henry de Washbrook*, dean. 1326, *John de Parys*. 1342, *Ralph Ive*. 1347, *Stephen Nally*.

[4] Tho. Duffield, collated about 1368; and exchanged with Beverley, in 1369. he was archdeacon of Northumberland,

BOKENHAM-FERRY

TAKES its name from its site on the river *Yar*, over which there is a ferry here. *Bo* and *Ken* bespeak a winding or bending stream of water. At the survey, there were three lordships in this town; the principal was in *Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, who held it of the abbey of *Bury*, to which it belonged in the reign of the Confessor, and was enfeoffed of it by *Baldwin*, abbot of *Bury*, in the time of the Conqueror.—It consisted of one carucate of land, eight bordarers, with one carucate in demean, two carucates of the tenants, &c. and nine acres of meadow, two beasts for burden, &c. two cows, &c. twenty-one sheep, valued then at 30*s.* at the survey at 20*s.* It was eleven furlongs long, and six broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt. To this manor belonged ten freemen, who held in commendation 66 acres of meadow, and 5 carucates, &c. valued then at 10*s.* and at the survey, at 20*s.*[5]

At the survey, the King had in this town one freeman, with 8 acres, who, with many others in different towns, were valued at 13*l.* and belonged to the soc, or King's manor of *Walsham*. *Godric* was steward of it for the King.[6]

Ralph Water, or *Guader*, Earl of *Norfolk*, had this fee, but forfeiting it on his rebellion against the Conqueror, he seized upon it, and it was granted afterwards to *Roger Bigot*.

These two fees being thus in the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*, the family of the Lords *de Monchensi* seem to be enfeoffed of them by the *Bigots*, and were held by many of the *Monchensies*.

Adam de Ratlesden held a moiety of them in the reign of *Henry* III. *Emma* his widow, in the 14th of *Edward* I. impleaded *Dionysia*, late wife of *Warine* Lord *Monchensi*, for the custody of the heir and lands of *Adam*. The said *Emma* presented to the church of *Bokenham*, having a third part of the advowson, there being three manors in the town, and each lord having a right. In 1319, *Gilbert Lovel* presented, and *John de Ratlesden* in 1337, who being a knight, presented in 1349; and before this, in the 17th of *Edward* III. *Simon de Ratlesden* was found to die possessed of a fee, held of the barony of *Montchensi*, lately the Earls of *Pembroke*, the *Valences*; and in the 43d of *Edward* III. *William de Braham* released to *Adam de Hautbois*, parson of *Salle* church, &c. feoffees, all his right in the manors of

[5] Terra Abb. de Sco. Edmundo.—— Buchanaham ten. Rog. de Abb. qd. S. E. ad victu. T. R. E. m°. ten. Rog. Bigot. a Sco. E. p. i. car. tre. sep viii. bor et i. car. in dnio. tc. et p. ii. car. hom. m°. dim. ix. ac. pti. tc. ii. runc. m°. i. tc. ii. an. m°. nichil. m°. vi. porc. xxi. ovs. tc. et p. val xxx. sol. m°. xx. et xi. qr. in longo et vi. in lat. et xx. d. de g. qcq; ibi teneat. et huic manerio adjacent x. lib. hoes. comd. de LX. ac. vi. ac. pti. tc. et p. v. car. m°. ii. et dim. tc. et p. x. sol. m°. xx.

[6] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat.— In Buchanaham, i. lib. ho. de viii. ac. tre et hi oms. libi. hoes. sut. apptiati. in soca de Walessam.

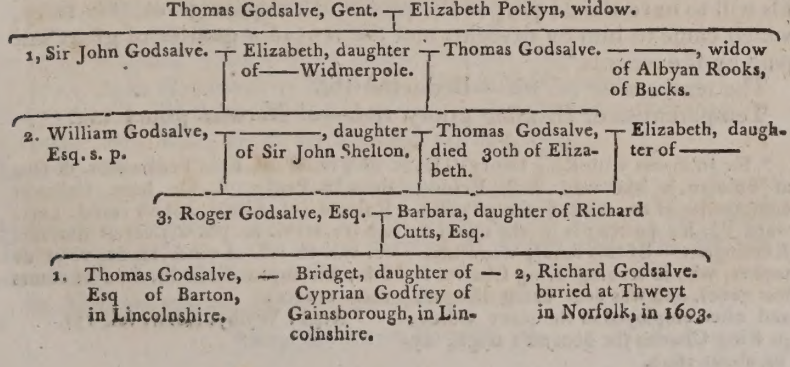
Bokenham-Ferry and *Assingham*, and in all other lands and tenements which were Sir *John de Rattlesden's*, in the hundreds of *Blofield* and *Walsham*.

In 1390, Sir *Richard Stury* presented, and in 1395: about this time, those two fees seem to be in the tenure of one lord, and united, or at least the right of advowson belonging to these fees, was in one. *Laurence Althorp*, clerk, presented in 1401, and with his parceners, then held the part, late *Rattlesden's*, of the Earl of *Pembroke*, and the Earl of the Lord *Mowbray*, of which *Roger de Esthall's* heirs held the 19th part of a fee.

Sir *Henry Inglose* was lord in 1447; by his will in 1450 orders it to be sold; and his son, *Robert Inglose*, Esq. with *Alianora* his wife, convey it to *William Norwich*, in the 35th of *Henry* VI. with that of *Hasingham*. After this, it came to Sir *John Jermy*, senior, who, in his will, styles himself of *Buckenham-Ferry*, dated *October* 24, 1487, requires to be buried in the church of St. *John* of *Metfield*, and gives to the church of St. *Nicholas*, of *Bokenham*, 3*s*. 4*d*. and to the fabrick of every church, whereof he was patron, 20*s*.; to *Margaret* his wife this manor for life, with the advowson, and that of *Hasingham*, with a messuage called *Lightfotys*; after to be sold, and the money distributed to pious uses; but if *Margaret* sell them during her life, she to have half the money, &c. to every son and daughter of *John Jermy* his son, 5 marks out of the purchase-money of the manor, &c. 100 marks to be distributed to the poor on the day of his burial; and the 200 marks which he deposited in St. *Bennet's* abbey, to be disposed of in charitable uses. *Margaret* his wife, and *Thomas Packfeld*, abbot of St. *Bennet's*, executors; the 200 marks were for a priest to officiate for him.

In the 7th of *Henry* VIII. *John Flegg*, Gent. and *Margaret Idel*, widow, convey it to Sir *Ralph Verney*. In the 30th of that King, it was settled by *Edward North*, Esq. and *Richard Giffard*, Gent. on *Thomas Godsalve*, senior, of *Norwich*, and *Elizabeth Potkyn*, widow, whom he intended to marry, with 20 messuages and lands here, and in other towns. This *Thomas* died lord, *September* 7, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. and lord of *Hasingham*, *Lodne*, and *Heckingham*, lately belonging to *Langley* abbey, two parts of *Inglose* and *Washingfield* manors in *Lodne*, *Hardley* manor, &c.

GODSALVE'S PEDIGREE.



1, Sir *John Godsalve*,[6] by an inquisition taken, was found to die in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, seized of the manors of *Loddon*, *Inglose* manor in *Loddon*, *Hockingham*, *Minyet's*, in *Seething*, *Cantley*, *Thurton*, *Langhale*, *Sething*, *Hasingham*, and *Bokenham*-ferry: he was created Knight of the Carpet, at the coronation of King *Edward* VI. and commissioner of visitation in the said year.

2, *William Godsalve*, Esq. died *s. p.* in 1561.

3, *Roger Godsalve*, Esq. married *Barbara*, daughter of *Richard Cutts*, of *Arkesdon*, in *Essex*, Esq. and of *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Edward Elrington* of *Essex*. This *Roger* exchanged this manor for the priory of St. *George*, in *Thetford*, with Sir *Edward Cleere*; and on an inquisstion taken in the 13th of *Charles* I. Sir *Henry Cleere*, Bart. died seized, and *Abigal* was his daughter and heir, aged two months.

After this ——— *Alcock*, Gent. who married a *Sotherton*, was lord, and ——— *Denny*, Esq. who married *Alcock's* daughter, enjoyed it in 1660; he conveyed it to Sir *Thomas Foot*, Bart. from whom it came to the *Onslows* of *Surry*; in 171- the lady *Elizabeth Hastings* possessed it, and sold it to *Richard Berney*, Esq. lord and patron in 1740.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury find that the causey here to the ferry was common for men, horses, and carriages, and was broke, much to the damage of the whole country, and *William de Felmingham*, *William de Westmere*, *Ralph de Langwode*, *John*, son and heir of *Adam de Ratlesden* (who was a minor) ought to repair it, and were amerced.

William de Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford* had also a lordship granted him by the Conqueror, which he held as a lay fee belonging to 2 freemen; *Helias* and *Rainold* held it under the commendation or protection of *Almarus* Bishop of *Elmham*, in the time of the Confessor, consisting of 57 acres of land, and 6 of meadow, and a carucate, &c. valued then at 6*s.* 8*d.* at the survey at 5*s.* Of these, and several other freemen in different towns adjoining, the King and the Earl had the soc, and sac.[7]

At the death of Bishop *Beaufoe*, it came by his grant, with many other lordships, to the see of *Norwich*. *Walter Suffield*, Bishop, had a charter for free warren, in the 35th of *Henry* III. as lord; the family of *de Caston* had an interest in it under the Bishops and the Lord *Bardolf*, as a member of the Bishop's capital manor of *Blofield*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the jury present, that *Hugh Rightwise*, *John Bole*, and their parceners held lands, late *James Rightwise's* and *Thomas de Hindringham's*, of the Lord *Bardolf*, and he of the Bishop; likewise lands of the *Castons*, by the same tenure.

Sir Thomas Kerdeston, in the 26th of *Henry* VI. appears by his will to have the 3d part of the profits of the passage at this ferry, which came to him by descent, and the rent of a quarter of great salt paid by the tenants.[8]

The tenths were 3*l.* 16*s.*—Deducted 16*s.*

Temporalities of *Hickling* priory 18*d.*—of *Norwich* priory 15*d.*

[6] Sir John was with King Henry VIII. at Boloign in the war with France, comptroller of the mint, in the 3d of Edward VI. his portrait is in the closet at Kensington.—Of this family was Christopher, who in serving King Charles I. lost 7000*l.* and was near being hanged, and after employed in the Navy Office, in King Charles the Second's reign, dying about 1694.

[7] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo.—In Bucha. ii. lib. hoes. Helias et Rainold. et Almar. habuit comd. LVII. ac. tre. servi. ac. pti. tc. i. car. et dim. m°. tc. val. vi. sol. et viii*d.* modo. v. et de oib; his supra dictis ht. Rex et comes saca. et soca.

[8] Regis. Wylby. Norw. fol. 137.

In *Buckenham-Hall* were these arms, — azure, a chevron *argent*, between three - - -, *or*; *Nokes* impaling *p.* pale, *gules* and *azure* on a fess wavy *argent*, between three croslets, pattée, *or*, as many crescents *sable*, *Godsalve*.—*Godsalve* and *Townshend*.—*Godsalve* and *Shelton*.—*Godsalve*, and barry of six, *or* and *azure*, in chief three mullets, *sable* ———.— Also *Blundevile* and *Godsalve* —*Godsalve* impaling quarterly, in the 1st and 4th *sable*, a fess counterembattled, between three lis, *argent*, 2*d* and 3*d*, an unicorn *sable*, attired *or*, and *Semyet* a cross croslet of the last.—*Godsalve*, impaling quarterly *argent*, a chevron gules, between three *Cornish* choughs proper.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, as most churches are, standing near some river, or water, is a rectory valued now at 6*l.* and discharged; the old valor was 5*l.* paid *Peter*-pence 11*d.* and carvage 2*d.*

In the 10th year of King *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *Roger de Ratlesden*, *Peter*, and *Gosceline de Burlingham*, and *Maud* his wife, tenants of the third part of the advowson.

RECTORS.

In 1319, *Alan de Hakford* instituted, presented by *Gilber Lovel*, &c.
1339, *Roger de Ratlesden*, by *John de Ratlesden.*
1349, *Elias de Folsham*, by Sir *John de Ratlesden.*
1390, *Jeff. Ewyas*, by Sir *Richard Stury*, &c.
1395, *William Beneyt. Ditto.*
1401, *John Jewell*, by *Lawr. Althorp*, &c.
1409, *William Brangweyn*, by Sir *William Galaundre*, &c
1419, *R. Lewis*, by Sir *John Hevenyngham.*
1447, *Henry Raute*, by Sir *Henry Inglose.*
1462, *Thomas Parker*, alias *Chaterys*, by *William Norwich*, &c.
1500, *William Thompson*, by *Thomas Idle*, Gent. in right of *Margaret* his wife.
1511, *John Owdolf.*
Robert Hanshart, S. T. P. rector.
1517, *Richard Winchippe*, by *John Flegg*, Gent.
1550, *Richard Underwood*, by Sir *John Godsalve.*
1562, *Robert Stephenson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1564, *George Leeds*, by *Elizabeth Godsalve.*
Harmon Godfrey, rector.
1580, *Edmund Paylie*, by *Thomas Godsalve.*
1585, *Richard Nowell. Ditto.*
1630, *Alexander Burnet*, by *Thomas Sotherton*, Gent.
1669, *Samuel Houghton*, by the King, a lapse.
1670, *Samuel Houghton. Ditto.*
1694, *William Newberry*, by *Denzil Onslow*, Esq.
1713, *John Heywood*, by the Lady *Elizabeth Hastings.*
1717, *John Mompesson*, rector, presented by the Lady *Hastings.*
1722, *Ben. Ellis*, D. D. by *Richard Berney*, Esq.
In 1740, *Richard Berney*, Esq. patron.

John Ivory, by will dated 1487, to be buried by the font, gives 20*l.* to the new making of the roof of the nave of the church, and *John Dik*, priest, gave in 1509, to the making of a new isle, 20*l.* for the stone work, and 16*l.* for the timber.[9]

St. *Nicholas* and St. *Mary's* light in the church.

[9] Reg. Spyltymer. Norwich, 247.

BRADESTON.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFOE Bishop of *Thetford* held this town in fee at the survey, of which *Edric*, a freeman, and captain of King *Edward* the Confessor's ship, was deprived, containing one carucate of land, 4 villains, and one bordarer, with 2 servi, and 4 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and half a one of the tenants, &c. 6 cows, and 60 sheep, 16 goats, a church endowed with 10 acres, valued at 10*d*. there belonged also to this lordship 10 freemen, with the moiety of another, who were only under the commendation of Bishop *Beaufoe's* predecessor, with 80 acres of land, 3 of meadow, and 2 carucates; this was valued in part of *Birlingham*.[1]

EDRIC, who was deprived by the Conqueror, fled into *Dacia*, and was outlawed. *Guido*, who was seneschal to the Bishops *Herbert* and *Eborard*, (who possessed it in right of their see,) by the gift of *Beaufoe*, was enfeoffed of it, about the year 1095; his descendants assumed the name of *De Breideston*. *Adam de Breideston* was lord, and patron of the church, and father of *Thomas de Briedeston*, who was living in the reign of King *John*, and left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Egidia*, married to *John de Caston*, *Oliva*, to *Robert de Boyton*, both living in the 24th of *Henry* III. as testified by a fine, and *Elizabeth*, the wife of *Robert de Blomvile*. *Oliva* and *Elizabeth* dying *sans* issue, the whole estate came to Sir *John de Caston*, father of Sir *Robert de Caston*, who married *Joan*, daughter and heir of *Richard Barry*, lord of *Barry's* manor in *Rockland Tofts*, and was lord of this in the 3d of *Edward* I. had the assise of bread and beer, &c.

SIR JOHN DE CASTON possessed it in the 9th of *Edward* II. and one of the same name presented to this church in 1346. Sir *Robert* died lord about 1350, he had 2 daughters and coheirs; *Margery*, who married Sir *Robert Carbonel*, and *Mary*, (or *Alice*,) the wife of *William Fastolf*, who died S. P.

SIR ROBERT CARBONEL was lord in the 3d of *Richard* II. and died *September* 14, an the 21st of that King, as appears from an inquisition taken by *Roger Cavendish*, eschaetor of *Norfolk*, &c. *John* was his son and heir, aged 14. Sir *Robert* was son of Sir *John Carbonel*, lord of *Baddingham*, &c. in *Suffolk*, the custody of *John*, his son and heir, was granted by the King, to *William Feriby* and *Thomas Upton*, but on the petition of *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich*, it was revoked, and granted to that Bishop, *December* 2, in the 22d of the said reign, this manor being held of that see.

SIR JOHN CARBONEL, by his testament, dated, on *Friday* next after the feast of St. *Martin*, 1423, gives to *Margaret*, wife of his son

[1] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo.—In Bregestuna. i. lib. ho. Edricus, Rector Navis Regis Ed. I. i. car. tre. semp. iiii. vill. et i. bord. et ii serv. et iiii. ac. pti. semp. i. car. in dnio. et dim. car. hom. silva ii. porc. et semp. i. runc. et vi. an. et LX. ovs. mo. et xvi. porc. et xvi. cap. i. ecclia. de x. ac. et val. xd. et isti ptinent. x. lib. hoes. et dim. comdatione. tantu. antecessori. de LXXX. ac. terre. et iii. ac. pti. semp. ii. car.

Richard, a chain of gold, to *Richard*, his silver vessels, jewels, and goods in several manors; mentions his lordships of *Breydeston*, *Caston*, *Shipdam*, *West Tofts*, *Hapton*, *Tybenham*, *Brisingham*, *Ryveshale*, *Metton*, and *Antingham* in *Norfolk*;[2] *Baddingham*, *Saxham*, *Dalinghoe*, *Creting*, and 3*l. per annum* in *Cratfield*, *Suffolk*; appoints *Margery* his wife, *John Mannying*, and *John Boys*, executors, and was buried in the church of St. *John Baptist*, of *Baddingham*: the will was proved *March* 29, in 1425. He was also lord of *Pencethorp*, *Strumpshagh*, *Wylby*, *Wytton*, and the *Burlinghams* in *Norfolk*.

The will of Sir *Richard* his son, is dated *November* 24, 1429; he bequeaths to *Margaret* his wife (daughter of Sir *Thomas Tudenham* of *Oxburgh*) several silver vessels, and jewels;[3] *John* his son to have after her decease the moveable altar, and the old heir-lomb, called *Caston's-Bolle*, (every old family had anciently some particular cup, bolle, &c. that went from the father to the son and heir, and was carefully preserved, highly reverenced, and esteemed,) to *Margaret* his daughter, a primar, (that is a psalter *MSS.*) also a silver cup and salter.—*Margaret* his widow, was buried in 1431, in the church of the *Franciscans*, at *Norwich*. Sir *Richard* is said to have died 1429, in foreign parts, and his son *John* seems to have died soon after his mother, S. P.

Thomas Peck, clerk, was appointed trustee for the estate of this family, by Sir *John Carbonel*; and in the 10th of *Henry* V. he enfeoffed Sir *Robert Brews*, *John Fitz Rauf*, *Oliver Groos*, *William Paston*, *John Mannyng*, *Henry Pakenham*, &c. on the feast of St. *Philip* and *James*. Great part of which estate, that particularly which Sir *Robert Carbonel* held in right of his wife *Margery*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert de Caston*, came to the *Berneys*, as heirs to *Thomas de Berney*, who married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *William de Reedham*, and *Margaret* his wife, daughter of Sir *Robert de Caston* and *Joan* his wife, heiress of *Richard Barry* abovementioned.

John Berney, Esq. son and heir of *Thomas Berney*, and *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *William de Reedham*, by his will dated in 1440, inherited this lordship, &c. and ordered his feoffees to make an estate of it, to *Thomas* his son, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Heveningham*.[4] *Thomas* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Clipsby*, Esq. and by his will, dated on *Thursday* next after the feast of St. *George*, 1441, appoints his wife to have a 3d part of this manor, &c. for her jointure: in this family it remained till sold to Sir *James Edwards*, Bart. about 1700.

The Lady *Edwards* possessed it, in 1717, after this it was in Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, Bart. and his heirs held it in 1740, with the patronage of the church.

Carteret Leathes, Esq. was lord in 1735, and presented to the church in 1758, and 1764.

Tenths of this town, and *Strumpshall* 5*l.* 2*s.*—Deducted 12*s.*

The Church is a rectory, valued with its chapel formerly at 8 *marks*, paid *Peter*-pence 10*d.* and carvage 1*d. ob.*; the present valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged; dedicated to St. *Michael*.

[2] Reg. Hurning. Norw.
[3] Reg. Surflet, 82. 608.
[4] Reg. Doke, fol. 157.

The length of the church is about 22 yards, the breadth 7 yards, is a single pile, has a little square tower about 45 feet high, with 3 bells, also a chancel, which with the church is covered with lead.

In the chancel a gravestone, with a brass plate:

Hic jacet Osbertus, filius Joh. Berney, Armig. de Redham Dni. et de Brayston,

On another;

Hic jacet Ricus Berney, filius Joh. Redham.

RECTORS.

1314, *Martin de Massingham* instituted, presented by Lady *Joan*, late wife of Sir *Robert de Caston.*
1346, Mr. *Robert de Cleydon*, by Sir *John de Caston.*
1349, *Jeff. Lene. Ditto.*
1352, *William de Morgate*, by *William Bergh*, rector of *Cantley*, and *William Felmingham.*
1388, *Nicholas Fyn*, by Sir *Robert Carbonel.*
1397, *William de Wentbrigg*, by the Bishop, a lapse, on the minority of *John*, son and heir of Sir *Robert Carbonel* and *Margery* his wife.
1414, *William Barowe*, by Sir *Robert Brews*, &c.
1414, *Stephen Drew*, by Sir *Robert Brews*, &c. feoffees of Sir *John Carbonel.*
1436, *John Hert*, by *John Berney*, of *Redham*, Esq.
1443, *Richard Helgrave*, by the Bishop, on the minority of the son of *Thomas Berney*, deceased.
Peter Kyndel, rector.
1446, *Edward Sylvester*, by *Osbert Mundeford*, senior, attorney of *Osbert*, junior, *hâc vice.*
1474, *Edmund Skynner*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq. guardian of *John Berney*, junior, son and heir of *John Berney*, late of *Redham*, deceased.
1541, *Thomas Toyleboys*, by *John Berney*, Esq.
1543, *William Steward. Ditto.*
1551, *Thomas Cowpre*, by *John Berney* of *Soterley*, Esq.
1554, *Robert Browne. Ditto.*
1554, *John Clement. Ditto.*
1556, *John Hers. Ditto.*
1557, *Robert Bettes. Ditto.*
Thomas Antingham, rector.
Richard Hereson, rector.
1559, *Thomas Hall*, by *Henry Berney*, Esq.
1563, *Thomas More. Ditto.*
1576, *Edward Hilton. Ditto.*
1724, *Gilbert Pickering*, by *John Pitts*, clerk.
1735, *Joseph Clark*, by *Carteret Leathes*, Esq.
1758, *George Dowdeswell. Ditto.*
1764, Revd. Mr. *Nelson. Ditto.*
Here were the lights of St. *Michael*, St. *Mary*, St. *Saviour*, and the Holy Ghost.

BRUNDALE.

On the expulsion of *Godwin*, a freeman, who had a carucate of land under the protection of *Guert*, the Conqueror on his accession to the crown, gave it to *Ralph Guade* Earl of *Norfolk*, who was deprived as a rebel; and, at the survey, *Gilbert*, captain of the cross-bowmen, held it with two carucates of land; when there were five bordarers, with a carucate in demean, and the men always ploughed their lands with two oxen, paunage for 5 swine, and 25 acres of meadow; 12 freemen, with the moiety of another, possessed 90 acres of land, with a carucate and a half, valued formerly at 25*s*. but now at 40*s*. It was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 7*s*. gelt.[5] *Gilbert* was also lord of *Tunstal*, in *Walsham* hundred, *Shropham*, in *Shropham* hundred, and *Shelton*, in *Diss* hundred.

The ancient family of *De Sancto Omero*, or St. *Omer*, were lords of this village. *Cecilia de* St. *Omer*, widow, lady of it, gave ten marks in the 6th year of King *John*, for the custody of *William*, son and heir of *William Peverel*, of *Melton Magna* in *Norfolk*; of this family was Sir *Bartholomew de* St. *Omer*.

Sir Thomas de St. Omer, in the 20th of *Henry* III. held it by half a fee of *Robert Fitz-Roger*, he of *William Marshal*, &c. *William de* St. *Omer*, in the 38th of that King, had a grant of a fair here, and in *Mulbarton*, with free warren, being then with the King in *Gascoyn* in *France*. Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir, married *Petronilla*, widow of *Ralph* Lord *Tony*: In 1275, he was a justice itinerant with *Simon de Grey*, in *Cambridgeshire*. In the preceding year he was sent with *William de la Rivers* into foreign parts, and had royal letters of protection, dated on the day next after *Palm-Sunday*, in *March*, with a clause to hold good to the feast of St. *Peter ad vincula*, ensuing; in the 15th of *Edward* I. he claimed, as lord, a yearly fair on the feast and morrow of St. *Bartholomew*, free warren, &c. as granted to his father. *Thomas de* St. *Omer* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In the 13th of the said King, a fine was levied between *William de* St. *Omer* and *Elizabeth* his wife, querents, and *Bertram de* St. *Omer*, deforcient, of the manor of *Brundale*, (except several messuages, and 34 acres of land,) and the advowson of the church, settled on *William* and *Elizabeth*, and the heirs of *William*. In 1319, *William de* St. *Omer* presented to the church as lord; also, in 1338, being then a knight. Sir *Thomas de* St. *Omer* was lord in 1349, and presented, and in 1350; but in the 39th of that King, he was found to die seized

[5] Terre Gisleberti Arbal.—In Brundala, ten. i. lib. ho. p. i. car. tre. Godu. in. comd. Gerti p. q. Rex venit accepit R. Comes mo. ten. Gis. Arbal. p. ii. car. tre. tc. v. et m°. iiii. bor. tc et p. i. car. in dnio, m°. ii. sep. cu. ii. bovib. ar. hoes. silv. v. por. et xxv. ac. pti. et ibi xii. libi. hoes. et dim. de LXXX. ac. et x. ac. tre. sep. i. car. et dim. tc. val. xxv. sol. m°. XL. ht. i. leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et vii. d. de gelt.

of this manor, that of *Mickelbarton*, *Ketteringham*, and *Casteleyns*, in *Swerdeston*. He had two wives; *Petronilla*, the first, daughter and coheir of *Nicholas Malmains*, by whom he had *Alice*, who married Sir *William de Hoo*; by *Beatrix*, his second wife, he had *Elizabeth*, who married *Thomas Waryne*, a younger son of *John de Warren* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, (by *Maud de Nerford*, his concubine, to whom he was contracted before his marriage with *Joan*, daughter of *Henry* Earl of *Barre*,) and brother of Sir *John de Warren*. In the 39th of *Edward* III. *Beatrix*, widow of Sir *Thomas de* St. *Omer*, had an assignation of dower, and, in the same year, was married to Sir *Thomas de la River*.

In the 47th of the said reign, *Thomas Waryne*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed their right in this manor, &c. to Sir *William Hoo*, and *Alice* his wife, by whom he had Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir. His second wife was *Alianore*, daughter of Sir *John Wingfield* of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*. Sir *William* was second son of Sir *Thomas Hoo*, and *Isabel* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *John de* St. *Legar*. In 1386, he was governour of the castle of *Oye* in *France*, and died in 1410, aged 76.

Sir *Thomas* succeeded his father Sir *William*; and, in the 11th of *Henry* IV. he conveyed this lordship, by fine, to *John Thornham* and his heirs. *Thomas Wetherby*, Esq. of *Norwich*, by his will dated, *November* 12, 1444, gives it to *Margaret* his wife, remainder to *John Winter*, Esq. and *Joan* his wife; and *John Jenny*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, convey it in the 17th of *Edward* IV. with the advowson, to *Henry Collet*, citizen and alderman of *London*, from the heirs of *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir, probably, of *Wetherby*. Sir *James Hobart*, attorney-general, purchased it, (as I take it) of Sir *Henry Collet*, in the reign of *Henry* VII. and gave it to *Miles Hobart*, his second son, who was lord in the 15th of *Henry* VIII. and died lord in 1557. *Henry Hobart*, Esq. was lord and patron in 1595, and Sir *Thomas Hobart* in 1614, as was Sir *Miles Hobart* in 1628. After this, *Edward Mylehamm*, Gent. and *Andrew Cleach*; in 1701, *William Hewar*, Esq. of *Clapham*, in *Surry*; and *William Hewar* in 1740, lord and patron.

The tenths were 2*l.* 18*s.*—Deducted 8*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Laurence*; the ancient valor was 5 marks; paid *Peter-pence* 6*d.* carvage 2*d.* and in the reign of *Edward* I. paid to the hundred 58*s. per ann.* the present valor is 4*l.* 10*s.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

William occurs rector in the 52d of *Henry* III. and *John de Blomevile* in the 22d of *Edward* I.

1319, *Ralph de* St. *Omer* instituted, presented by *William de* St. *Omer*.

1329, *Walter de Swaleclyfte*, by Sir *William de* St. *Omer*.

1338, *William le Hunt*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Remigius de Dunston*, by *Thomas de* St. *Omer*.

1350, *William Bonyng*. *Ditto*.

1365, *Richard Munch*, by the King, guardian of the heir of Sir *Thomas de* St. *Omer*.

1368, *Thomas de Wotton*, by *Beatrix*, relict of Sir *Thomas de Rivers*.
1392, *John Payn*, by Sir *Robert Carbonel*, and *Michael Downing*.
1394, *Matthew Oylmer*. *Ditto*.
1397, *John Scholveler*, by Sir *Robert Carbonel*, and *Robert Denny*.
1403, *William Preston*, by *Richard Dunston*, rector of *Mulbarton*.
1412, *John Fauconer*, by *William Bernham*, &c.
1418, *Simon Blake*. *Ditto*.
1424, *William Helgay*, by *William Bernham*, true patron.
1430, *Thomas Redhed*, by *William Paston*, &c.
1482, *John Sterke*, by *Henry Collet*, alderman of *London*.
1484, *Hugh Newhaw*. *Ditto*.
John Newale, rector.
1488, *Thomas Antingham*, by Sir *Henry Collet*.
1500, *Richard Benson*, by *Nicholas Goldwell*, archdeacon of *Suffolk*.
Richard Percy, rector.
1530, *Robert Brown*, by *Miles Hubberd*, Esq.
1554, *John Hogan*. *Ditto*.
John Clement, rector.
1546, *John Hers*, by *John Berney*, Esq.
1557, *Francis Garth*, by *Miles Hobart*.
1563, *Thomas Cordwall*, by Sir *Edward Warner*, and *Etheldra*, his wife.
1576, *John Buyrsell*, by *William Bleverhasset*, and Lady *Etheldreda Warner*, his wife.
1595, *Ralph Barlow*, by *Henry Hobart*, Esq.
1614, *Richard Pearson*, by Sir *Thomas Hobart*.
1628, *Thomas Day*, by Sir *Miles Hobart* of *Plumstede*.
1657, *John Brown*, by *Edward Myleham*, Gent.
1681, *John Russell*, by *And. Clench*, and *Francis Wise*.
1701, *John Cornwall*, by *William Hewar*, Esq. patron.
1716, *Robert Cubit*, by *Samuel Edgely*, clerk.
1719, *John Russell*, junior. *Ditto*.
1723, *Russell*, senior. *Ditto*.
John Gogill occurs rector in 1747.

The Bishop of *Norwich's* manor of *Bradston* extended into this town, and had the same lords as *Bradeston:* and there was a chapel belonging to it, dedicated to St. *Clement*, valued with the rectory of *Bradeston*, the rector being instituted and presented to *Bradeston*, with the chapel of St. *Clement*. This part was also given by Bishop *Beaufoe* to his see, with *Bradeston*.

NORTH-BURLINGHAM.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFORT Bishop of *Thetford* had a grant in fee of the greatest part of this town, of which 3 freemen were deprived, who possessed it under the commendation only of *Almar*, (Bishop of *Elmham*,) in the reign of the Confessor, and *Helias* held it under *Beaufoe*, consisting of 46 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and a carucate valued at 4*s*. *Helias* also had 60 acres of land, of which one freeman under the protection of Bishop *Almar*, was deprived: this *Helias* held freely, with 40 acres of free land that belong to a church, and 7 acres of meadow; this belonged to a free woman, with 4 bordarers, and 2 more, who had also before the conquest a carucate and an half of land, with a church endowed with 10 acres, valued at 10*d*. and besides 7 freemen under her protection only had 40 acres of land, 3 of meadow, with a carucate valued at 12*s*. In the same town 2 freemen under the commendation of Bishop *Almar*, only, had 50 acres of land, one villain, 4 bordarers, 12 acres of meadow, with a carucate and a half, the moiety of a salt-work held by *William de Noiers*; this before the conquest was valued at 50*d*. at the survey it paid 19*s*. the said town was 10 furlongs long, 6 broad, and paid 20*d*. gelt.[6]

In *Burlingham* 15 freemen, under the commendation only of Bishop *Almar*, had 2 carucates of land, 9 bordarers, with 8 acres of meadow, and 8 carucates, valued formerly at 20*s*. but at the survey at 26*s*. 8*d*.; there belonged to it a church, with 30 acres, valued at 2*s*. 8*d*. and *William de Noiers* held it of the Bishop at the survey.

Bishop *Beaufoe* gave the abovementioned fees to his successours, the Bishops of *Norwich*, and several lordships arose out of these fees, which lordships were in the see of *Norwich*, and held by the Bishops in *capite*.

The ancient family of *De Caston* were lords of a manor, held of the see of *Norwich*, which probably came by the marriage of *Egidia*, a daughter and coheir of *Thomas de Bradeston*, with *John de Caston*, in the reign of *Henry* III. *John de Cateston* and *Catherine* his wife conveyed by fine in the 30th of *Edward* III. lands here to *John de Well*

[6] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo.—In B'lingeham. iii. lib. hoes. Almari. com'datione. tantu. T. R. E. m°. tenet. Helias. XLVI. ac. terre. et iiii. ac. pti. sep. i. car. et semp val. iiii. sol. —In ead. i. lib. ho. Almarj Epi. com'datione. tantu. T. R. E. m°. ten. id. Helias. de LX. ac. terre libe. et XL. qu. p'tinent. cuida. Ecclie. vii. ac. pti. tc. iiii. bord. i. liba. m°. v. et ii. bord. in terra que appendet Ecclie. tc. i. car. et dim. p. et m°. ii. car. et sub se i. Ecclia. de. x. ac. val. x*d*. et sub se vii. st. libi. hoes. com'datione. tantu. de XL. ac terre et iii. ac. pti. sep. i. car. sep. val. xii. sol.—In ead. ii. lib. hoes. Almari com'datione tantu. T. R. E. m°. ten. W. de Noiers. L. ac. terre sep. i. vill. et iiii. bord. et xii. ac. pti. sep. i. car. et dim. et dim. sal. tc. val. L. d. m°. reddet x. sol et ead. villa. ht. x. qr. in longo. et vii. in lato. et de gelto. xx. d.

In B'lingeham ten. ii. car. tre. xv. libi. hoes. Almarj Epi. com'datione tantu. sep. ix. bord. viii. ac. pti. sep. viii. car. tc. val. xx. sol. et m°. xxvi. sol. et viii. d. i. Ecclia. xxx. ac. et val. ii. sol. et viiid. m°. tenet W. de Noiers.

and *Alice* his wife; from the *Castons* it came with the advowson of St. *Andrew's* church in *North Berlingham*, to Sir *Robert Carbonel*, from them to the *Berneys*, so to Sir *James Edwards*, Bart. and the heirs of Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, Bart. possessed it, with the patronage of St. *Andrew's* church, in 1740.—*See in Bradeston.*—It afterwards was purchased by *Carteret Leaths*, Esq. who presented as lord and patron to the churches of St. *Andrew's* and St. *Edmund* in 1741 and 1751.

The Lords *Bardolf*, barons of *Wirmegay*, in *Norfolk*, were also enfeoffed of a lordship under the Bishops of *Norwich*; *George de Felmingham* was found in the 20th of *Henry* III. to hold half a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, and that lord of the Bishop; *Christiana de Felmingham* conveyed to *Hamon*, son of *William de Felmingham*, messuages and lands in the 5th of *Edward* I.

Adam de Hindringham, and *John Gernoun*, possessed lands, &c. in the 9th of *Edward* II. under the Lord *Bardolf*, and in the 14th of that King, *Greg. de Felmingham* died seized of lands held by knight's service of the said lord, and *James Rightwyse* was his heir, son of *Catherine* his sister, and coheir. This *James* in the 16th of *Edward* III. granted it by fine to *John* and *Robert* his brothers.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Hugh Rightwise*, and *John Boole*, &c. held it of the aforesaid lord, by half a fee. *Hugh* died in the 13th of *Henry* VI. and *John* his son and heir had livery. To this manor belonged the patronage of St. *Peter's* church.

WALCOTE-HALL.

In the 10th of *Richard* I. *Thomas de Walcot* was living, and had an interest here; and in the 41st of *Henry* III. the advowson of the church of *North Burlingham*, St. *Andrew*, was granted to *Oliva de Boyton*, by *Thomas de Walcote*; *Walter de Walcote* claimed in the 14th of *Edward* I. view of frank pledge, the assise, &c. and *Alexander de Walcot* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and 15th of *Edward* III.

JOHN BROWNING of *North Birlingham* confirmed, in the 29th of *Edward* III. to *Robert de Yelverton* this manor with its appertenances in *South Walsham*, *Fishley*, *Upton*, &c. with courts, view of frank pledge:—*Witnesses*; Sir *John de Caston*, Sir *Edward Gerberge*, *Richard de Illey*, *William Clere*, dated *August* 29. *Browning* sealed with three lozenges. *John Browning*, son of *John*, released it to *Robert Caly*, and *Cecil* his wife; *William Clere* of *Ormesby*, and *Cecil*, widow of *Robert Caly*, in the 9th of *Richard* II. enfeoffed Sir *John Wyche*, &c. in trust, to enfeof *Nicholas*, son of *John de Secheford*, who enjoyed it, and his son *John* also; which *John*, in the 12th of *Henry* IV. enfeoffed *John Lynge* of *Battisford*, *William Cavendish*, *Thomas Roos*, citizens and mercers of *London*, and *Thomas Roos* released it to *John Welles*, &c. in 1426.—*John Wells*, in 1428, to *William Cavendish*, mercer of *London*, and *Robert Cavendish* of *Suffolk*; the said *William* and *Robert*, for 40*l.* confirmed it to *William Daubeny*, and *Robert* his brother, when it had the name of *Daubeny's* manor; *Cavendish* sealed with three bucks heads caboshed, the arms of the present Duke of *Devonshire*.

WILLIAM DAUBENY had, by *Cecil* his wife, a son *Thomas*, who was

father of *Henry;* and *Cecil,* remarried to *Thomas Weston* of *Norwich,* Gent.

HENRY DAUBENY, Gent. in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. sold it to Sir *Christopher Heydon,* and in the said year he conveyed it to *Richard Gilbert* of *Birlingham,* Gent. who was buried in the church of *Birlingham,* St. *Andrew,* in 1548. *Thomas Gilbert,* a descendant, was lord in the 19th of *James* I. *Thomas Holmes,* junior, of *Mundham,* Gent. and *Mary* his wife, *John Wrongey,* of ————, and *Abra* his wife, *John Richman* of *Hetherset,* Gent. and *Anne* his wife, daughters and coheirs of *Richard Gilbert,* sold it in 1654, to *William Berney,* Esq. of *Elsing,* and so came from them to *Edwards, Blackwell,* and *Carteret Leathes,* Esq. as above.

WILLIAM DE ST. CLEER, was one of the heirs of *Nicholas le Butler,* who held a manor in *North Burlingham,* and sold, in the 57th of *Henry* III. by fine, all his right to *William,* son of *William de Heveningham,* in this town, and *South Walsham. Adam,* son of *John de Brancaster,* the other heir, conveyed also his right to *Guy de Botetourt.*

In the 9th of *Edward* II. and the 20th of *Edward* III. *John Stoneware* had part of a fee of the Bishop. Sir *John Fastolf* possessed it in the 3d of *Henry* IV. being the 10th part of a fee in *North Birlingham,* and in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. *John Atkins* and *Margaret* his wife were querents, *John Bishop* and *Elizabeth* his wife, deforcients, of the manor called *Goodwyn's,* a messuage, 60 acres of land, 40 of pasture, 60*s.* rent in *North* and *South Birlingham.*

North Birlingham tenths were 3*l.* 15*s.*—Deducted 5*s.*

The CHURCH of St. *Andrew,* in *North Birlingham,* was a rectory valued at 12 marks; paid *Peter*-pence 11*d.* carvage 2*d.* The present valor is 12*l.*

RECTORS.

Richard de Runhale was rector in 10th of *Richard* I. as appears from a fine then levied.

Richard de Griston occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I. and

Ralph de Caston, in the year 1326, and said to be blind with age.

1337, *William Atteforth de Bergh* was instituted, presented by Sir *John de Caston.*

1348, *John Copsy. Ditto.*

1349, *John de Swathyngs. Ditto.*

1360, *William Waryn. Ditto.*

In 1361, the Lady *Catherine de Caston* presented, but no name occurs in the institution book.

1376, *Thomas Atteker,* by the Bishop, guardian of the heirs of Sir *Robert de Caston.*

Robert Daubeneye occurs rector in 1429, and

William Nichol, in 1462.

William Dykson was rector in 1485.

1544, *Matthew Parker,* and resigned 1547, after Archbishop of *Canterbury.*

John Robinson rector.

John Hodgson, in 1612.

William Heath died rector of St. *Andrew's* and St. *Edmund's*, *Birlingham*, in 1741, and

George Dowdswell, then presented by *Carteret Leaths*, Esq.

1751, *Isaac Battail*. *Ditto*.

On a monument in the church:

* * * * *Deo Trino, et Uni Sacrum.—Secundum Christi Redemptoris adventum sub hoc tumulo expectat Gregorius Mileham, filius Roberti Mileham de Birlingham, Gener. qui cum ex Anna uxore, charissima filia Willi. Bayspool de Toft, Gener. unum filium filiamq; unam suscepisse pie in Christo obdormivit* 8 *die Apr. A°.* 1615, *Ætatis suæ* 64. *—Edw. Mileham, filius mæstissimus patri optimo et charissimo, officiosæ pietatis et memoriæ ergo hoc monumentum posuit.*

In this town of *North Birlingham* was also the church of St. *Peter*, a rectory valued at 6 marks; *Peter*-pence 6*d*. carvage 2*d*. the present valor is 5*l*. and is discharged.

In the 4th of *Edward* I. Sir *Step. de Strumpshale*, Knt. and *Margery* his wife, sold the advowson to the Lord *William Bardolf*, and *Julian* his wife, by fine; and the said lord gave it, in the 13th of that King, with 3 acres of land, to the priory of *Castleacre*, in exchange for the advowson of the church of *Westbriggs*, in *Norfolk*; *Witnesses*, Sir *Roger de Toftes*, and Sir *Richard de Belhouse*, Sir *John de Dunham*, Sir *Godfrey de Acra*, Knts.

RECTORS.

John de Essex occurs rector, in 1287.

1299, *Richard* of *New-Market*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Castleacre*.

1314, *Ralph Benne*. *Ditto*.

1343, *William de Antingham*, by papal provision.

1377, *Jeff. le Brun*. *Ditto*.

1377, *William Fever*, by the prior, &c.

1378, *Hugh Tame*. *Ditto*.

1389, *Nicholas Young*. *Ditto*.

1390, *Phil. Waller*. *Ditto*.

1395, *John Fowke*. *Ditto*.

1405, *John Beele*. *Ditto*.

William Byshop was rector in 1440, and 1448.

1449, *William Den*, by the prior, &c.

William Hardingham, rector in 1485.

Robert Talbot occurs rector in 1547.

Edward Slym, rector about 1600.

James Hucks, about 1620.

Robert Fawcet occurs 1695.

1727, *Benjamin Paul*, on *James Dover's* resignation, by *John Anstis*, Esq. Garter King at Arms.

1732, *Brydges Thomas*. *Ditto*.

1737, *James Downes*, by *William Tayler*, Esq. &c.

1737, *John Gogill*, by *William Blackbourn*, Esq. &c.

On the dissolution of *Castleacre* priory, it was conveyed by the prior to King *Henry* VIII. in his 29th year; and in the said year, on *December* 22, granted to the Duke of *Norfolk*.

RALPH GOODWYN of *North Birlingham*, buried in 1518, in this church, gives to the repair of it 40*s*.—Lands in *North Birlingham*, in the tenure of *Richard Gilbert*, lately belonging to *Westacre* priory, granted *July* 1, to *Ed. Spanye*, and *John Baspole*.

SOUTH-BERLINGHAM.

BISHOP BEAUFOE had, by the grant of the Conqueror, the greatest part of this town, which he held in fee;—Eight freemen under the commendation only of *Almar* Bishop of *Elmham* being deprived; and at the survey *William de Noiers* held under the Bishop 140 acres of land, 11 bordarers, and 8 acres of meadow; to these freemen there belonged also 3 carucates, but at the survey, there were but 2 and a half, valued at 20*s*. with the moiety of a church endowed with 15 acres, valued at 15*d*.—Two freemen also here, under the protection only of Bishop *Almar*, had a carucate of land, with 6 bordarers, and a carucate and a half, and 3 acres of meadow, which *William de Noiers* held of Bishop *Beaufoe*, and 4 freemen who possessed 8 acres of land, one acre of meadow, and half a carucate valued at 10*s*. This village was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 20*d*. gelt;[7] and other persons, besides *William de Noiers*, were enfeoffed of lands here.

The Lord *Bardolf's* manor extended into this town, and the *Felminghams;* the *Rightwises*, also the families of *De Hindringham* and *Gernoun* held under him.

The *Burlinghams* had a lordship. *Elside Birlingham* granted lands in *Birlingham, sans date*, to which grant *Nicholas de Birlingham* was a witness. *George de Birlingham* held one fee in the 41st of *Henry* III. and was not a knight. *Jeff.* son of *John de North Birlingham*, conveyed lands to *Robert*, son of *Elvina*, wife of *Ralph Palmer de Udegate*, by deed, *sans date*,—*Udegate*, or *Wodegate*, and *Thorp* were hamlets, in the 52d of *Henry* III. to *North Birlingham*.—*William*, son of *Brictric de Birlingham*, granted lands here *sans date*.—In 1538, *Catherine Barrow*, widow, was found to hold lately of the Bishop half a fee in *South Birlingham*.

In *Birlingham*, *Edric* (Lord of *Bradeston*, before the conquest) had

[7] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo.—In Sut. B'lingeha. viii. lib. hoes. Almarj Epi. comdatione. tantu. m°. tenet W. de Noiers de CXL. ac. tre. sep. xi. bord. et viii. ac. pti. tc. iii. car. p. et m°. ii. et dim. sep. val. xx. sol. dim. ecclie. xv. ac. val. xv.*d*.—In eade ii. libi. hoes. Almari. Epi. comdatione. tantu. m°. ten. ide. W. i. car. terre semp. vi. bord. sep. i. car. et dim. et iii. ac. pti. et iiii. lib. hoes. sub eis. viii. ac. terre et i. ac. pti. sep. dim. car. semp. val. x. sol. et ht. B'lingha. i. lg. in longo. et dim. in lato. sed plures ibi tenent, et de gelto xx *d*.

4 acres and a half of land belonging to his manor of *Bradeston*, and was valued with that at 10*s*. at the survey at 30*s*. After King *William* came into *England*, *Edric* was out-lawed, and fled into *Dacia*. Bishop *Almar* invaded it, but at the survey *William de Noiers* held it of Bishop *Beaufoe*.[8]

This was soon after the survey held by the *Breideston* family, lord of *Bradeston*, from whom it came to the *Castons*, *Carbonels*, so to *Berney*, the *Edwards*, and Sir *Lambert Blackwell's* heirs, as in *Bradeston*, and so to *Carteret Leaths*, Esq.

The tenths were 4*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.—Deducted 13*s*. 4*d*.

In this town was the church of St. *Edmund*, valued at 30 marks, paid *Peter*-pence 10*d*. and carvage 2*d*. *ob*. the present valor is 12*l*.

RECTORS.

In 1306, *Adam Berry* was instituted, presented by *William Caston*.
1319, *William Roys*, by *John de Caston*.
1349, *John de Beghton*, by Sir *William de Bergh*, &c.
1349, *Richard de Colney*, by *Sim. de Babingle*.
1375, *Robert Bertelot*, by Lady *Cath*. relict of Sir *John Caston*.
1377, *John Burewell*. *Ditto*.
1377, *Henry Cosyn*. *Ditto*.
1405, *Richard Bolour*, by *John Carbonel*, Esq.
Robert Smith, rector 1617.
In 1639, *Edmund Keene*, rector.
See in St. *Andrew's* church.

The King had a lordship at the survey, which *Godric* his steward took care of, held before by a freeman of *Ralph Stalre*, with the soc, and 30 acres of land, and 10 acres of free land belonging to the church, with 5 acres of meadow, and a half; in *Birlingham* also 3 freemen, and the moiety of another held 42 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and a carucate.[9] *Ralph* had the soc of 3 of these freemen, and a moiety of one was in the King.—This *Ralph* was Earl of *Norfolk*; and after out-lawed as a rebel.

This was granted (as I take it) soon after the survey, to *Roger Bigod*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*.—In the 8th of *Richard* II. *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*, &c. aliened to the prior of *Weybridge*, a messuage and 92 acres of land, in *South* and *North Birlingham*, &c. At the Dissolution, on *March* 29, *A°*. 24th of *Henry* VIII. *Richard Fulmerston*, Esq. had a grant of lands held here by the priory of *Weybridge*; and in the 1st of *Edward* VI. *Cath. Borough* died seized of a manor, and 60 acres of land, in *South Birlingham*, held of the Bishop of *Norwich*, by knight's service, and of his manor of *Strumpshaw*, (and the residue of the manor of *South Birlingham*, held

[8] Tre. Willi. Epi. Trefordens. de feudo.——In B'lingham Ide. iiii. ac. et dim. tre. ptinent. in Bretestuna, tc. val. x. sol. et p. simil. m°. xxx. et postq. Rex. W. venit in Angliam fuit Iste Edric. exlex, in Bacia. et Epi. Almar. invasit tra. m°. ten: Wm. de Noiers. In B'lingeham i. lib. ho. R. Stalre, cum soca de xxx. ac. tre. et x. ac. libe. tre. ptinentis. ad Eccliam. et v. ac. pti. et dim. Adhuc in B'lingeha. iiii. lib. hoes. et dim. semp. iii. R. soca. sup. dim. Rex. XLII. ac. tre. et iiii. ac. pti. semp. i. car.

[9] Terra Regis, qua. Godric. servat.—

of *John Berney*, as of his manor of *Breydeston*, by knight's service,) and *Thomasine* was her daughter and heir.

William de Scohies had at the survey 20 acres of demean land, in *Birlingham*, belonging to his lordship of *Stokesby*,[1] and there valued.

The temporalities of the prioress of *Carhow*, in *South Birlingham*, were valued at 12*d.*

The temporalities of *Hickling* priory at 15*s.* 4*d.*

CANTLEY.

GODRIC, the Conqueror's steward, took care of this town at the survey, of which *Ralph Stalre* was deprived, lord in the reign of King *Edward*, who had 4 carucates, and 3 acres of land, and *Alsi* held it then under *Stalre;* 4 villains belonged to it, and 33 bordarers, &c. 4 servi, &c. with 3 carucates in demean, and 8 among the tenants, paunage for 60 swine, 40 acres of meadow, &c. and 400 sheep, and there were 10 socmen, with 60 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and 2 carucates, valued then at 7*l.* after at 8*l.* at the survey at 10*l.* a quit-rent, and 10*s.* as a free gift: it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt.[2]

NETHER-HALL, ALIAS BARDOLF'S MANOR.

Ralph Stalre, a *Saxon* thane, had large possessions and lordships of his own, besides what he held of the abbot of *Holm*, &c. Soon after the survey it was granted from the Crown to the noble family of *De Gournay: Hugh de Gournay*, a *Norman* baron, was a witness to the foundation deed of the abbey of *Caen*, in *Normandy*,[3] in 1084, founded by the Conqueror, (as in *Castre*,) and *Hugh de Gournay* was lord in this town in the 7th of *Richard* I. *Julian*, daughter and heir of the Lord *Hugh de Gournay*, brought it by marriage to *William* Lord *Bardolf* of *Wirmegay*, who in her right was lord in the 38th of *Henry* III. and had then a grant of free warren.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the Lord *Bardolf* had the lete, view of frankpledge, the assise, &c. and in the 12th of that King, a charter for an annual fair, on the eve, the day, and morrow of the feast of St.

[1] Terra Willi. de Scohies.—In B'ningham, tenet Ide. (Will. de Scohies) xx. ac. tre. in dnio. et jacent in Stokesbej.

[2] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat. —Cantelaj. R. Stalre, ten. T. R. E. iiii. car. tre. et iii. ac. et Alsi de eo semp. iiii. vill. tc xxxiii. bord. et p. simil. m°. XLII. tc. iiii. ser. p. iii. et m°. ii. tc. iii. ar. in dnio. p. et m°. ii. sep. viii. car. houm. silva, LX. porc. et XL. ac. pti. m°. i. sal. sep. i. r. et iii. an. semp. ii. por. semp. CCCC. ovs. et ibi sut. x. soc. de LX. ac. tre. et iiii. ac. pti. sep. ii. car. tc. val. vii. lib. p. viii. m°. x. lib. blanca. et x. sol. de gersu. et ht. i. leug. in longo. et i. in lato. et de gelto xx *d.*

[3] Rot. Pip.

Margaret the Virgin, *July* 28.—*Thomas* Lord *Bardolf* being attainted and executed for his rebellion in the reign of *Henry* IV. Sir *William* his brother held this, but not his barony of *Wirmegay*.—It came after to *William* Lord *Beaumont*, and on the death of *William* Lord Viscount *Beaumont* in 1507, to the Crown.—King *Henry* VIII. on *July* 5, in his 6th year, granted it to Sir *William Arundel* Lord *Matravers*, and *Anne* his wife, with the manors of *Stow-Bardolf*, *Strumpshagh*, and *Scroteby*; *Henry*, son and heir of *William* Earl of *Arundel*, (who died in the 35th of that King) had livery of it, who conveyed it to the Crown, and in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, on *January* 2, in the said year, this lordship was given to *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq. who presented to this church in 1564. Sir *Thomas Gawdy*, Knt. judge of the Common Pleas, died seized of it, in the 30th of *Elizabeth*; and *Henry* was his son and heir, afterwards Knt. of the Bath; in 1650, *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq. was lord, and presented; but in 1663, Sir *Thomas Rant*; and Sir *William Rant* in 1690, and 1703. After this it came to the *Harbords*, and *Harbord Harbord*, Esq. was lord and patron in 1720, and Sir *William Harbord*, Bart. is the present lord, &c.

The tenths were 6*l*.—Deducted 2*l*.

UPHALL MANOR

Took its rise from the grant of *Hugh de Gourney*, (capital lord of the town,) of 3 carucates of land, 18 marks, 11*s*. 8*d*. in land and rent, to *Roger Botetourt*; also of 15*s*. rent, which *Hugh* gave him, here and in *Castre*, which he held of *Hugh* in the 13th of *Henry* III.

Sir Guy de Botetourt had the assise in the 3d of *Edward* I. and held it of the Lord *Bardolf* as part of the honour of *Gournay*; and in the 33d Sir *Guy* settled it on his son *William*; in the 12th of *Edward* II. it was settled on *William de Botetort*, and *Maud* his wife, in tail.

John, son and heir of *Thomas Boteturt*, was living in the 2d of *Edward* III. and *John*, son and heir of Sir *John de Boteturt*, was lord in the 40th of *Edward* III.

In the 2d of *Henry* IV. Sir *Hugh Burnel* and *Jocosa* his wife, by their feoffees, settled this manor, with those of *Upton*, in *Norfolk*, *Werley-Castle*, *Northfield*, *Crandley*, and *Old Swinford*, in *Worcestershire*, *Honworth*, *Clent*, *Mere*, and *Bebington*, in *Staffordshire*, *Bordesley*, and *Aston*, in *Warwickshire*, and *Wokton*, in *Bucks*, on their trustee, *John Rome*, clerk, many of which lordships came to *Thomas de Boteturt*, by the marriage of *Joan*, sister and coheir of *John* Lord *Somery*, and so to her son, Sir *John*; but his son, *John Botetourt*, leaving only a daughter and heir, *Jocosa*, she brought them by marriage to Sir *Hugh Burnel*. *John Rome*, their trustee, in the aforesaid year, conveyed this lordship and that of *Upton*, to Sir *Thomas Erpingham*. *Margaret*, the other sister of *Jocosa*, and coheir of *John* Lord *Somery* of *Dudley*, married *John de Sutton*, and was Lord *Dudley*.

In the 12th of *Henry* VI. *Nicholas Wichingham* died lord, and left *William*, his son and heir by *Alice* his first wife, and by *Joan* his second, *Edmund Wichingham* of *Woodrising*, who by *Alice* his wife,

daughter and heir of *John Fastolf* of *Fishley* had 4 daughters and coheirs; *Amy*, married to Sir *Richard Southwell*, Esq. in whose right he was lord of the town; and *Frances*, married to Sir *William Mull* of *Harscomb*, in *Gloucestershire*, who in the 16th of *Edward* IV. conveyed this manor of *Uphall*, to *Richard Southwell*, Esq.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Richard Southwell* conveyed it to *John Godsalve*, Esq. with 6 messuages, 10 cottages, 100 acres of land, 40 of meadow; and Sir *John Godsalve* died possessed of it, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*. After this it was in the *Stedes; William Stede* had livery of it about the 24th of *Elizabeth*.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was valued at 30 marks: *Peter*-pence 20*d.* carvage 4*d. ob.*; the present valor is 14*l.* and pays first fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

Stephen de White occurs rector in 1270.

1299, *William Bardolf* instituted, presented by *Hugh* Lord *Bardolf*.

1306, *William de Corby*, by the lady *Isabel Bardolf*, in right of dower.

1310, *William Avenel*. *Ditto*.

1328, *Thomas de Cailly*, by Sir *Thomas Bardolf*.

1350, *William de Bergh*, by Sir *John Bardolf*, lord of *Wirmegay*.

1372, *William de Humberston*, by Sir *William Bardolf*, lord.

1373, *Peter de Blithe*. *Ditto*.

1391, *Peter Whyten*, by Sir *Thomas Mortimer*.

1398, *William Gilten*, by the King.

1398, *John Cartere*. *Ditto*.

1406, *John Dowes*, by Sir *William Bardolf*, Knt. on the King's grant, by the forfeiture of *Thomas*, late Lord *Bardolf*.

1437, *Thomas Muriel*, by Sir *William Phelip*, in right of *Joan* his wife, daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*.

1465, *John Smith*, by *Thomas* Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

1477, *And. Jenney*, by Sir *William Knyvet*, and *Joan*, daughter of of *Hump.* Duke of *Bucks*.

1507, *William Pratt*, by the assigns of *John* Earl of *Oxford*.

In the 34th of *Henry* VIII. the next presentation was granted to *Thomas Raylton*, clerk, and *Richard Jewel*, by *William* Earl of *Arundel*.

1550, *John Barret*, S. T. P. by *Henry* Earl of *Arundel*.

1554, *Greg. Madyse*. *Ditto*.

1564, *William Johnson*, by *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq.

1584, *William Philips*, by Sir *Thomas Gawdy*.

1603, *Samuel Bramall*, by *Henry Gawdy*, Esq.

1639, *Daniel Chapman*, by *George Gawdy*, Esq.

1650, *Henry Gawdy*, by *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq.

1663, *Bernard Skelton*, by Sir *Thomas Rant*.

1690, *Jer. Ward*, by Sir *William Rant*.

1695, *Michael Hart*. *Ditto*.

1703, *Thomas Marlyn*.

1720, *John Welham*, by *Harb. Harbord*, Esq.

1726, *Christ. Pigg*, by *Harb. Harbord*, Esq.
1736, *Thomas Morden*. *Ditto*.
In this church was the guild of St. *Margaret*, St. *Mary's*, and St. *Margaret's* lights.

FRETHORP.

NINE freemen had 60 acres of land here in King *Edward's* reign; of five of these, *Ralph Stalre*, then lord, had the soc, and was deprived; but from the time of *R. Guader's* being created Earl of *Norfolk*, he held it. At the survey, the King was lord, and *Godric* took care of it for him,[4] with *Limpenhoes*, and *Hasingham*. It was valued at 18*l.* and a carucate and a half belonged to it.

A freeman, *Alsi*, held under Earl *Ralph* 16 acres of land, with half a carucate, and an acre of meadow, valued at 2*s.* *Baldwin*, the Bishop's steward, held it under the commendation of *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, who had a grant of it from the Conqueror in fee; but, at the survey, *Baldwin* was under the commendation of *Godric*, who took care of it for the King.[5]

Soon after the survey, this was granted from the Crown, and *Robert Fitz-Roger*, lord of *Horsford*, father of Sir *John Clavering*, held it *in capite*, in the reign of *Richard* I.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Roger Fitz-Peter*, and *Edward de Eynford*, had lordships here, in *Southwood* and *Limpenhoe*, held of *Robert Fitz-Roger*. In the 3d of *Edward* I. Sir *Reginald Fitz-Peter-Fitz-Osbert* had the lete and assise; and *William de Eynford* had the lete and assise. *Reginald* died in the 14th of that King; *Jane* his widow had assignment then of dower, and *John* was his son and heir, and his lordship was valued at 16*l.* *per ann.* and the heirs of *Gerard de Eynford* had a lordship in the 20th of *Edward* III.—*Dionysia Clere*, widow, was found to hold late *Eynford's*, of the heirs of *Robert Ufford*, by half a fee, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and in *Limpenhoe* and *Southwood*; in the family of the *Cleres* of *Ormesby*, it remained many years, and came after to the *Berneys*.

In 1675, *Richard Berney*, Esq. was lord, and presented to the church in that year, and in 1692; after this, the *Edwards* held it, and Sir *James Edwards*, Bart. about 1720, and Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, Bart. whose heirs had it in 1740, and so to *Carteret Leaths*, Esq. the present lord.

[4] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat. ——In Frietorp. ix. libi. hoes. sup. v. habuit R. Soca. T. R. E. et sup. iiii. Rep. sed ex quo R. fuit Comes habuit eam LX. ac. tre. hi. oes. sût apptiati. in xiii. lib. sep. i. car. et dim.

[5] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo.——In Frietorp i. lib. ho. Alsi sub R. Comite xvi. ac. tre. semp. dim. car. i. ac. pti. sep. val. ii. sol. hc. tenuit Balduin. pposit. Epi. comdat. tantu. s. nc. comptus. est Godrico in manu Regis.

Arnold de Mounteney had also a lordship here, and in *Hasingham*, in the reign of King *Henry* III. held it of *Robert Fitz-Walter* by a quarter of a fee. In the same family it was found in the 20th of *Edward* III. and, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Arnold de Mounteny*, and his parceners, held it.

Tenths were 3*l.* 19*s.*—Deducted 9*s.* Temporalities of St. *Faith's* priory, 2*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, was a rectory, valued at 13 marks; paid *Peter*-pence, 2*s.* carvage 2*d. ob.* On the grant of it to St. *Faith's* priory of *Horsham*, a vicarage was appointed, valued at 4 marks, and 6*s.* 8*d.* is the present valor.

VICARS, &c.

1307, *William de Bernwell* instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, and presented by the prior of St. *Faith's*.
1333, *Robert de Thorp. Ditto.*
1349, *Maurice Atte-Hawe*, presented by the King, and nominated by the Bishop, being a priory alien.
1405, *Nicholas Stradsete*, by the King.
John Kneyght, vicar.
1415, *Edmund Monie*, by the King and Bishop.
1417, *William Coll. Ditto.*
1419, *John Bettes. Ditto.*
1421, *Thomas Smith*, by the King.
1432, *Edmund Stede. Ditto.*
1488, *Adam Middlegate*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1497, *Thomas Bungey. Ditto.*
1593, *Robert Broadhersh*, by the Bishop, *pleno jure.*
1625, *William Keen*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1630, *Robert Pepper*, by the Lady *Elizabeth Clere*, widow.
James Johnson occurs vicar in 1662.
1675, *James Richer*, by *Richard Berney*, Esq.
1683, *Oliver St. John. Ditto,*
1685, *Robert Talbot. Ditto,*
1692, *Charles Chapman. Ditto.*
1705, *Robert Cubit*, by *Robert Edwards*, and *James Fashion.*
Moses White, by the King, occurs rector 1755.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints*, and of our Saviour.—St. *Nicholas'* and St. *Mary's* lights.

King *Edward* VI. on *July* 1, *Ao.* 7°. granted the appropriated rectory to *William Mingey* and *William Necton.*

HASINGHAM.

THE Conqueror had a lordship, which *Godric*, his steward, took care of for him at the survey; of this *Ralph Guader*, late Earl of *Norfolk*. was deprived for his rebellion. *Ralph Stalre* possessed it in King *Edward's* reign, and it was held of him by six freemen; of one of these he had the soc, with 70 acres of land; one of them had also five bordarers. Among them all were five acres and a half of meadow, and three carucates, &c. It was one leuca long, and four furlongs broad, and paid 6*d*. gelt—Of the two villains here, in King *Edward's* time, the King had the soc, as the hundred witnesses, and had it in Earl *Ralph's* time, and now *Godric* his steward.—The soc of these was in the King, as the hundred witnesses; but *Ralph Guader* held it after he was made Earl of *Norfolk*. At the survey, *Godric* held it as steward to the King.[6]

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had afterwards a grant of it from the Crown, and was held of that family, with the manor of *Bokenham-Ferry*.

Adam de Rattlesden was lord of it in the reign of *Henry* III. After the *Ratlesdens William de Braham* possessed it, and had successively the same lords, with *Bokenham-Ferry*, the Lady *Hastings* selling it to *Richard Berney*, Esq. who was lord and patron in 1740.

The Bishop of *Norwich* had also a lordship here, his manor of *Bokenham-Ferry* extending into this towu.

Arnold de Mounteny had an interest here, in the 20th of *Henry* III. and held lands of *Robert* Lord *Fitz-Walter*. *John de Hasingham*, in the 34th of that King, impleaded *Adam de Hasingham*, son of *William*, for the moiety of a messuage, and lands of inheritance, that *William* held of *Arnold*.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. Sir *Arnold de Mounteny* had a lordship, and held here, in *Plumstede Parva*, and *Frethorp*, a fee of the Earl of *Rutland*.

Nicholas Peyteyn, of *Filby*, in the 21st of *Henry* VII. held this manor of *Hasingham*, as appears from a rental.

The CHURCH of *Hasingham* is a rectory; ancient valor 4*l*. and the present valor is the same, and discharged.—*Peter*-pence 7*d*.—Carvage 2½*d*.—Dedicated to St. *Mary*.

[6] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat.—In Hasingeham vi. lib. hoes. R. Stalre et de uno habuit soca. T. R. E. LXX. ac. tre. un. ht. v. bor. intr. omes. v. ac. pti. et dim. tc. iii. car. m°. i. car. et dim. ht. i. leug. in long. et iiii. qr. in lat. et de gelto vi. d. et iii. sol. et de istis ii. vill. T. R. E. erat soca Regis testim. hund. sed. R. tenuit ex quo fuit comes m°. tenet Godric in manu Regis.

RECTORS.

In 1319, *Adam Haghenne* was instituted, presented by *Maud*, late wife of *Sym. de Rattlesden.*

1328, *William Bryd*, by *Adam de Tycheby.*

1337, *Richard le Palmer*, by Sir *John de Ratlesden*, Knt.

1349, *John Rayson. Ditto.*

1368, *John Coke*, by *Adam de Hautbois*, rector of *Cockfield*, *William de Braham*, &c.

1378, *William Lightfoot*, by *John de Pyeshale*, clerk, &c.

1412, *John Sandford*, by *William Golaundre*, clerk, &c.

1412, *Richard Lewis*, by *ditto*, feoffees of the manor of *Hasingham*, appointed by the Lady *Margaret Sencler.*

1419, *Robert Berdene*, by Sir *John Heveningham*, *Nicholas Wichingham*, *John Berney*, &c.

1446, *William Stallon*, by Sir *Henry Inglose.*

1462, *Thomas Gee*, by *William Norwich*, &c.

1477, *Thomas Spycer*, by *John Jermyn*, Esq.

1486, *Roger Umfrey. Ditto.*

1489, *John Croftys*, by *Thomas Jenney*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1508, *Henry Adcock*, by *Margaret Ydley*, widow.

1514, *Robert Hansart*, S. T. P.

1517, *Richard Wynship*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1520, *Thomas Ellington*, by *Thomas Godsalve*, Gent.

1531, *Richard Savage*, by *T. Godsalve*, Esq.

1554, *Edmund Emmes*, by Sir *John Godsalve.*

1557, *John English*, by the assignees of *Elizabeth*, relict of Sir *John Godsalve.*

1560, *Gregory Madis. Ditto.*

1564, Mr. *George Leeds*, A. M. *Ditto.*
Harman Godfrey, rector.

1580, *Edmund Payng*, by *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq.

1585, *Stephen Gall. Ditto.*

1585, *Richard Newell. Ditto.*

1636, *Thomas Wolsey*, by *John Smith*, Esq.

1668, *Benjamin Shelton*, by the bishop, a lapse.

1690, *Nathaniel Wadsworth*, by *Denzil Onslow*, Esq.

1692, *William Newbery. Ditto.*

1713, *John Heywood*, by *ditto.*

1717, *John Mompesson*, by *Elizabeth* Lady *Hastings.*

1722, *Benjamin Ellis*, D. D. by *Richard Berney*, Esq.

LIMPENHOE.

In the time of the Confessor, sixteen freemen had a lordship, and *Alsi* held it under *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, consisting of one carucate of land, and 13 acres of meadow, and one bordarer, in the whole three carucates and a half, was one leuca long, and ten furlongs broad, paid gelt 20*d*. and was valued in *Frethorp*, &c. On the forfeiture of Earl *Ralph*, it came to the Crown, and *Godric* took care of it for the King at the survey.[7]

This was granted from the Crown after the survey, and held by several lords, and the chief manor was given to *Flaald*, lord of *Mileham*.

Richard de Dunham, in the 3d of *Richard* I. owed five marks to have his right for 10*l*. land here, and in *Sudwod* (*Southwood*) against *Reginald de Hastings*:[8] see in *Thorp* and *Southwood*, in this hundred.

Roger Fitz-Peter, and *Edward de Eynford* had lordships in the reign of *Henry* III. as in *Frethorp*: *Gerard de Eynford* was lord, in the 14th of *Edward* II. when a marsh, which he had here, is said in a record to be bounded south on the river *Wensum*; this I mention, the general part of writers calling it the *Yar*, or *Hier*, at this place.

Dionysia de Clere enjoyed it, lately the heirs of *Gerard de Eynford*, of the heirs of *Robert de Ufford*; from the *Cleres* it came to the *Beneys*, and so to Sir *James Edwards*, Bart. and to Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, and his heirs, who were patrons of this church, and that of *Southwood* in 1742, and to *Cartaret Leathes*, Esq.

Arnold de Mounteny had also an interest here, as in *Frethorp*.

William de Scohies had a lordship, of which *Harduin* was deprived, who held two freemen under his protection only. *Adarus* held it under *Scohies*, at the survey, with 34 acres of land, and a bordarer, with five acres of meadow, and a carucate, valued at 10*s*. but at the survey at 24*s*.[9]

William, son of *Matthew de Redham*, was lord of this, in the 8th of *Richard* I. and conveyed the advowson of the church, by fine, to *Robert Fitz-Roger*; and, in the 31st of *Edward* I. *John*, son of *Gerard*, of *Redham*, granted, by fine, to *John Fitz-John*, a messuage, fourteen acres of land, two of meadow, six of pasture, and two of turbary, in this town, *Southwood* and *Frethorp*; and, in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Gerard de Eynford*, Sir *Hubert Fitz John*, *William de Redham*, and the Earl of *Arundel*, were returned as lords of *Limpenhoe* and *Southwood*.[1]

[7] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat.—In Limpeho T. R. E. xvi. lib. hoes. Alsi sub R. Comite i. car. tre. et xiiii. ac. pti. et i. bor. semp. iii. car. et dim. et ht. i. leug. in long. et x. qr. in lato, et de gelto xxd.

[8] Rot. Pip.

[9] Terra Willi. de Scohies.—In Limpeho ten. Harduinus ii. libos. hoes. de comd. tantu. m°. Odarus xxxiiii. ac. tre. et i. bor. v. acr. pti. sep. i. car. et val. x. sol. m°. xxiii. sol.

[1] Fin. *Ao.* 8. Ric. I. N. 43.——Fin. divers. Com. 20 Hen. III. N. 4.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the heirs of *John Steynward* had a quarter of a fee of the manor of *Mileham*, of the Earl of *Arundel*, which *John* and his parceners held in this town, and *Southwood*, in the 20th of *Edward* III.

The tenths were 3*l*.—Deducted 0. together with *Southwood*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Botolph*. In the 8th of *Richard* I. *William de Redham* granted his right in this church to *Robert Fitz-Roger*, being then a rectory, and *John Fitz-Robert* gave it, by fine, to *Hugh* abbot of *Langley*, in exchange for the church of *Eure* in *Buckinghamshire*; the rectory, with the vicarage, that was settled, valued at 12 marks: *Peter*-pence 13*d*. carvage 2*d*. *ob*. the present valor 4*l*. and discharged.

VICARS.

In 1311, *Henry de Bynham* was instituted vicar, presented by the Abbot, &c. of *Langley*.

1311, *Jeffrey de Carleton*. *Ditto*.
1326, *John Bernard*.
1342, *Ralph Ive*.
1349, *Henry de Ormesby*.
1378, *Richard Cook*.
1379, *John Everard*.
1385, *John Messager*.
1388, *William Gladchere*.
1393, *Simon Pessey*.
1396, *William Haverpenny*.
1398, *William Tiffeyn*.
1402, *Laur. Skot*.

In the 14th of *Elizabeth*, *Richard Hills*, and *W. James*, on *March* 8, had a grant of the appropriated rectory, and patronage of the vicarage, late belonging to *Langley* abbey, with certain concealed lands, in fee farm.

John Cullimer, vicar about 1600, Sir *Edward Clere*, patron.

1727, *James Dover*.

1735, *Thomas Morden*, by *Carteret Leathes*, Esq.

Here was the guild of St. *Botolph*. The church is consolidated with *Southwood*, and is called a rectory in the institution books.

Under the invasions, we find that *Rabell* the carpenter, or artificer, as he is called, had seized on the property of 20 freemen, who held here, and in *Thorp*, in this hundred, one carucate, and 20 acres of land, with 7 of meadow, under the protection of *Fincus*. At the survey, here were three carucates, and then valued at 11*s*. and 6*d*.[2] *Rabell* had also a manor in *Southwood*, and in *Mora*, in this hundred, (See in *Southwood*,) and was lord of *Filby* in *East Flegg* hundred.

[2] Invasiones.—In Torp et Limpehou tenet Rabell. Carpentari. xx. libos hoes. fincj comdoe. de i. car. tre. et xx. ac. et vii. ac. pti. tc. et p'. ii. car. m°. iii. tc. val. x. sol. m°. xi. et vi. d.

LINGWOOD.

THERE is no mention made of this town in the grand survey, it being a part and member of the Bishop of *Norwich's* great lordship of *Blofield*, and so valued, &c. under it, and was held of the see of *Norwich*, by the families of *de Cateston*, and *de Lingwood*.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Joan de Cateston*, or *Caston*, and *William de Lingwood*, were returned to be lords; and *William de Lingwood* was patron of the church, and lord, in 1349.

Margaret Countess of *Norfolk* aliened to *Weybridge* priory, a messuage, 92 acres of land, with 3*s.* rent, in this town, and in the *Birlinghams*, with the advowson of the church, belonging to the manor of *Blofield*, as was found in the 8th of *Richard* II.—*Eschaet.*

In the 32d of *Henry* VIII. the King granted to *Thomas Paston*, Esq. messuages and lands here, with the manors of *Blofield* and *Beighton*, and lands lately belonging to *Langley* abbey.

The tenths were 3*l.* 3*s.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH was a rectory, dedicated to St. *Peter*, valued at 4*l.* *Peter*-pence 4*d.* Carvage 2*d. ob.*

RECTORS.

1310, *John de Tyrington* instituted rector, presented by *William de Lyngewood.*

1339, Mr. *Nicholas Atte Gap de Blofield.* *Ditto.*

1349, *Edmund le Clerk.* *Ditto.*

1356, *John de Hindringham.*

1370, *John Elys*, by *John Stoke*, citizen of *Norwich*, on the grant of *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*, became appropriated to *Weybridge*-priory.

In 1557, *Christopher Dandy* was presented by the Bishop of *Norwich*, being, as I take it, in the Crown.

1559, *Andrew Brown*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1590, *Thomas Wynington*, to the rectory, by the Queen, a lapse. In the 18th of *Elizabeth*, *January* 30, the rectory was granted to *John Dudley*, and *John Ascough*, in consideration of divers messuages, lands and tenements, in the isle of *Shepey* in *Kent*, sold to them by *Henry Cheeney.*

In 1609, *Edward Hilton* held it, and was the impropriator. It is a curacy, and was in the gift of Mr. *Hilton*, in 1740.

In the church was the guild, and the light of St. *Mary.*

Concealed lands belonging to *Weybridge*-priory were granted *August* 7, in the 10th of *Elizabeth*, to *Hugh Counsel* and *Robert Baker.*

PLUMSTEDE MAGNA.

GUERT, brother of King *Harold*, and slain with him at the battle of *Hastings*, had a freeman, who possessed under him a carucate of land, which *Godwin* after held. *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford* was lord, at the survey, in his own right, as a lay fee, by grant of the Conqueror. Five bordarers belonged to it, one carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, &c. and there were ten freemen, with 30 acres of land, who held under the protection of *Godwin* a carucate and half of meadow, then valued at 10*s*. at the survey at 40*s*.[3] After the Conqueror was King, *Almar* Bishop of *Elmham* invaded, or seized on this land, as forfeited, on account of the marriage of a woman who remarried within the term of one year expired after her late husband's death, probably *Godwin* abovementioned.

Bishop *Beaufoe* had three acres of land here, which a socman of Archbishop *Stigand* possessed; this was added to *Plumstede* manor by *Ernast* Bishop of *Elmham*; the socman ploughed it with 2 oxen, and paid 5*d*. in *Stigand's* time.—*Ernast*, or *Arfast*, succeeded *Ailmar* Bishop of *Elmham*, and removed the see to *Norwich*.

Earl *Guert* and *Stigand* had also 2 freemen, who possessed 50 acres of land, with 2 of meadow, and 2 bordarers had a carucate. *Ralph*, the Earl of *Norfolk*, had these before he forfeited, and *Robert Blund* afterwards; valued then at 5*s*. at the survey at 3*s*. Bishop *Ernast* had invaded these, and *Beaufoe* was then lord in fee, by the grant of the Conqueror.—And Bishop *Almar* had a freeman under his commendation, with half a carucate, and 16 acres of land, at the survey; 2 oxgangs, valued formerly at 2*s*. but then at 16*d*. this was also granted to Bishop *Beaufoe*.

When the Book of *Domesday* was made, *Plumstede* was not divided into 2 townships; however it appears, that all these tenures were, at that time, in the possession of Bishop *Beaufoe*; and, at his death, he gave them to his see of *Norwich*, and, making one considerable lordship, was held of the see; but some time after, it seems to be divided, by some grant of a Bishop, to the priory of *Norwich*.

In the reign of *Henry* III. I find, in old writings, this town to be called *Grimere-Homestede*; and, in the — of that King, *Walter* Bi-

[3] Tre Willi. Ep Tedfordens. de feudo. —— In Plummesteda ten. Goduinus libum. hoem. Gerti i. car. tre. m°. tenet W. Eps. sep. v. bord. sep. i. car. in dnio. sep. dim. car. hom. silva viii. porc. i. ac. pti. semp. ii. an. et ibi. s. x. lib. hoes de xxx. ac. tre. com'dati. tantu Goduini. sep. i. car. et i. ac. pti. tc. val. x. sol. m°. XL. et p'q. Rex. W. venit in hanc terram invasit Almarus Eps. p. foris factura, quia mulier que tenuit nupsit intra annu. p'. morte viri. —In Plumesteda i. soc. est additus ab Ernasto sed fuit Stigandi iii. ac. tre. sep. arat. cu. ii. bovib; et reddit 5d.—Adhuc in Plumesteda ii. lib. hoes. Gerti et Stigandi qd. Ernast. Eps. invasit L. ac. tre et ii. ac. pti. sep. ii. bord. sep. i. car. hos tenuit R. Comes quando foris fecit et R. Blund. ad censu. tc. val. v. sol. m°. iii.—In Plumesteda ten. i. lib. ho. Almari comd. tantu. xvi. ac. tre. tc. dim. car. m°. ii. bovs. tc. val. ii. sol. m°. xvi. d.

shop of *Norwich*, as lord, had a charter of free warren. The family of *De Cateston*, or *Caston*, had an interest herein, held of the fee, as had *John de Tofts* in the said reign.

Robert de Tofts, and *Agnes* his wife, settled on themselves, &c. by fine 18 messuages, 160 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 10 of pasture, 20 of marsh, 10 of turbary, and 13*s.* 4*d.* rent in *Greymere Plumsted*, *Witton*, *Brundale*, *Breydeston*, *Plumstede*, &c. in the 12th of *Edward* III.

The prior of *Norwich* appears to have a lordship in the 24th of *Henry* III. when a fine was levied before *Ralph*, abbot of *Ramsey*, *William de York*, provost of *Beverley*, *Henry de Bath*, &c. justices itinerant, between *Simon* (*de Elham*) prior of *Norwich*, patent, and *Simon de Cateston*, and *Massa* his wife, tenants, of 30 acres of land here, conveyed to the prior, who reconveyed it to them for life, and *John* their son.[4]—*William de Leams*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, in the said reign, grant to the prior lands for 100*s.* in *Grimer Plumstede Magna*, in the 14th of *Edward* I. and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior claimed the assise here, in *Pockthorp*, and *Holm Street*, with weyf, &c. In a survey made in the time of prior *William de Kirkeby*, about 1280, mention is made of 2 acres at the head of *Grymere*,[5] probably some mere, so called, and land at the chapel of St. *Benedict*, the abbot; of lands in *Castle-Croft*; and in the whole of eight score acres, &c. here, belonging to the prior.

In the 23d of *Edward* I. *Rose*, daughter of *Reginald Baseley* of *Grimere Plumstede* held 14 acres of heath.

The temporalities of the priory in 1428, were 9*l.* 8*s.*

In the 1st of *Edward* VI. Sir *Thomas Cawarden* had a grant of it, late the priory's (of *Norwich's*) manor, with a foldcourse in this town, *Plumstede Parva*, *Posswick*, &c. and, in the said year, *Cawarden* had license to alien it to *Henry Ward* of *Posswick*, Esq. *Thomas Ward*, Esq. died seized in 1632, and Sir *Randel Ward*, Bart. of *Bixley*, died lord in 176-.

William de Scohies had, at the survey, 8 acres of land, which, in the Confessor's time, were in the hands of 2 freemen of *Harduin*; and *Hugh* held it of *Scohies*, and ploughed it with 2 oxen, always valued at 2*s.*[6]

From *William de Scohies* it came to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, and from that family, by marriage, to the Earls of *Clare*.

Alan Hovel, son of *Peter*, held lands of this fee, which he granted to *William de Kirkeby*, prior of *Norwich*.

The tenths were 2*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 10*s.*

The Church, with the chapel of St. *Eustachius*, was appropriated by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, to that priory, to find 2 chaplains, saving a pension of 10*s.* *per annum* to the cellarer, and a vicarage was settled.—The appropriated rectory was valued at 15 marks; *Peter*-pence 18*d.* *ob.* carvage 2*d.* *ob.* and was dedicated to St. *Mary*.

[4] Reg. Cath. Norw. fol. 101. 189. 190.

[5] MSS. pen. Edm. Themilthorp, Gen. de Norwich, *Ao.* 1714.

[6] Terra Willi. de Scohies.—In Plumestede, ii. lib. hoes. Hraduini T. R. E. viii. ac. tre. qd. tenet Hugo. sep. arat cu. ii. bovib; sep. val. ii. sol.

VICARS

1300, *Gilbert de Hecham,* instituted vicar, presented by the prior of *Norwich.*
1305, *John de Elmham.* *Ditto.*
1333, *John de Bernham.* *Ditto.*
1349, *Roger de Madour,* alias *Repps.* *Ditto.*
1950, *William Britheeye.* *Ditto.*
1373, *Thomas Moyse.* *Ditto.*
John Bacon, vicar.
1408, *John Broun.* *Ditto.*
1419, *John Cammurtin.* *Ditto.*
1421, *Thomas Bishop.* *Ditto.*
1591, *Thomas Pearcy,* or *Pearson,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
Here were the gilds of St. *Mary* and St. *John.*
The patronage of the vicarage is in the dean and chapter of *Norwich,* with the appropriated rectory.———The chapel of St. *Eustachius,* I find, to be repaired in 1460.

PLUMSTEDE PARVA.

Tovi held in *Plumstede,* which was afterwards (as I take it) the principal lordship in this town, a carucate of land, and one villain, with half a carucate; *Tovi* was a freeman of Earl *Guert;* and there were 6 freemen at that time, and the moiety of one who had 20 acres of land, with 2 of meadow, and a carucate; which freeman, *Ralph,* a captain of the Conqueror's cross bowmen, (who had a grant of this lordship on the Conquest,) laid claim to, as delivered up to him. What belonged to the manor was, in King *Edward's* time, valued at 5*s.* at the survey at 10*s.* and what the freemen held, valued at 5*s.* It was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, paid 14*d.* gelt, whoever is lord.[7]

The Conqueror was possessed (when *Domesday Book* was made) of a carucate of land belonging to 2 freemen, and of 30 acres and a

[7] Terre Radul. Arbal.—In Plumstede ten. Tovi. i. lib. ho. Gerti. T. R. E. i. car. tre. sep. i. vills. tc. dim. car. p. nichil. mo. dim. et ii. ac. pti. tc. xi. ov. in isto manerio. manebant vi. lib. hoes. et dim. xx. ac. tre. ii. ac. pti. sep. i. car. hos reclamat ex libatione. hoc qd. e. in dnio. tc. val. vi. sol. m°. x. sol et libi. hoes. v. sol. et ht. i. leug. in longo. et dim. lat et de gelt. xiiiid. qiq. ibi. teneat. Terra. Regis qua. Godric. servat.—In Plumestede ii. lib. hoes. T. R. E. i. car. tre. et xxx. ac. et dim. et i. bor. sep. et sub. eis. xviii. soc. et vii. ac. pti. tc. et p. ii. car. m°. iiii. silva. vi. por. In Plumstede i. lib. ho. x. ac. tre. --Plumstede. i. lib. ho. v. ac. tre. Rex. ht. soca.
In Plumsteda i. beruita. et ten. Edric. T. R. E. dim. et jacet in Ettuna. sep. iii. bor. semp. i. car. intre. totu. et iii. ac. pti. et est in p'tia. Ettune.

half, with one bordarer; 10 socmen held under them 7 acres of meadow, with a carucate, before the conquest; and, at the survey, 4 carucates, with paunage for 6 swine.—The Conqueror had the land late of one freeman, with 10 acres;—also of another, with 5 acres, with the soc; of them *Godric* was the King's steward

Also part of *Plumstede* was a beruite to *Etton*, (*Eaton*, by *Norwich*,) and held by *Edrick de Laxfield*, in King *Edward's* reign, containing half a carucate of land, with 3 bordarers, one carucate in the whole, and 3 acres of meadow, and valued in *Etton*; this was also in the Conqueror, and *Godric* was his steward of it.

Most of, if not all, these tenures were granted by the Conqueror, soon after the survey, to *Flaald*, or *Alan* his son, ancestor of the *Fitz-Alans* Earls or *Arundel*, together with the great lordship of *Mileham* in *Norfolk*; and, under the lords of that town, several persons possessed the fees and tenures abovementioned, of whom I shall treat according to the series of time.

Richard de Dunham gave an account of 5 marks paid, to have right done him (in his lands held of *Mileham* manor, by the King's writ) in the first year of *Richard* I.[8] About this time, *William de Mounteney* confirmed to *Will. de Plumstede*, lands; witnesses, *Peter le Constable*, *Robert Elias* and *Hugh de Monteny*, *sans* date. *Adam de Plumstede*, and *John* his son, held the fourth part of a fee, and exchanged lands with *Will.* prior of *Norwich*, in the 5th of King *John*: this family held the principal part of *Tovi's* lordship, of the lord of *Mileham*, and took their name from this town. *Everard de Plumstede* was living in the 10th of *Richard* I. it was held by grand serjeanty to find a cross-bow, or balista. *William de Plumstede*, son of *Adam*, had an interest here, as by deed *sans* date.

John de Plumstede had a lordship in the 20th of *Henry* III. and there appears to be a park here, in the 37th of that King.—*William*, son of *John de Plumstede*, held the 4th part of a fee, of the manor of *Mileham*, in the said reign.

Richard Gernun of *Blofield*, with the consent of *Maud* his wife, grants half his turbary at *Hayes-Brigg*, in *Plumstede*, to *John*, son of *William de Plumstede*:—witnesses, Sir *Thomas de St. Omer*, *Serlo Gernun*, &c. *sans* date. *Maud Gernun*, and *Gerard* her son, grants to *Sibil*, wife of Sir *John de Plumstede Parva*, and *William* his son, a turbary, which his father held of them, *sans* date.

Robert de Mounteney gives to the priory of *Norwich*, by deed, *sans* date, his mill belonging to his fee, or lordship, in *Plumstede* standing on the river *Ger*, for the health of his own, and his wife's soul, and of all his parents, friends, &c. and in particular for the soul of his father, *William de Mounteney*, and *Roesia* his mother, and *Siwat*, the priest of *Plumstede*:—witnesses, *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Geff.* the Bishop's sewer, *Roger de Mounteny*, *Barth. de Martham*, *Hump.* and *Jordan de Plumstede*. *William*, the heir of *Siwat* the priest, confirmed this grant, and lands to the priory, and *William* Bishop of *Norwich* gave *Robert* for this 100s.[9] This was in Bishop *William Turbe's* time.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *Richard de Witton* held lands by serjeanty, in finding a cross-bow in the King's army, or a balista, at his own costs, valued at 5 marks.

[8] Rot. Pip.—Reg. Eccles. Norw. i. fol. 187.

[9] Reg. Eccle. Cath. Norw. fol. 187.

Richard, son of *William de Plumstede*, was found, in the 15th of *Edward* I. to hold lands valued at 100*s. per annum* by serjeanty, and finding a balister in the King's army (when he went into *Wales*) for 40 days, at his own costs. The said King appointed, by writ, *William de Barinton*, and *William de Pakenham*, his justices, with others, whom they should associate to themselves to try the cause between *William Fitz-John*, son of *Isolde*, of *Plumstede Parva*, against ——— *Fitz-Alan*, lord of *Mileham*, about 4*l.* rent, &c. in *Plumstede Parva* and *Magna*;—witness, *Edmund* Earl of *Cornwall*; dated at *Westminster*, *June* 29, *Ao.* ——, *Edward* I.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *Isolda de Mounteny* impleaded *Adam de Creting* for the patronage of this church; her plea was, that *Ernold de Mounteney*, as lord of *Sprouston*, was patron of this church, and had enfeoffed her; but *Adam* proving himself to be lord of *Sprouston*, he recovered it. The *Mounteneys* held that part of this town which belonged to *Edric de Laxfield*, and was (as I have observed before) a beruite to *Eton*. *Alice*, widow of *William de Plumstede*, and *John* their son, was living in the 31st of the said reign. *John* was lord in the 8th of *Edward* II. and held a court, then, on the feast of *Pentecost*.

Sir *Arnulf de Monteney*, and *John de Plumsted*, returned to be lords in the 9th of *Edward* II. and Sir *John de Plumstede*, living also in the 3d and 6th of *Edward* III. on whose death it came to Sir *Edmund de Illey*, by the marriage of *Alice* his daughter and heir, Sir *Edmund de Illey*, and *Ernulf de Monteney*, lords in the 14th of that King. Sir *Richard de Illey* was son and heir of Sir *Edmund*, and living in the 37th of *Edward* III. by his will, dated at *Plumsted Parva*, *October* 21, 1366, he bequeaths his soul to the blessed *Mary*, and *All-Saints*, and his body to be buried where it shall please God; to the high altar of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*, for tithes forgot, 13*s.* 4*d.* to that of *Plumstede Parva*, 13*s.* 4*d.* that of *Hale*, half a mark, and to *Alan* his brother, if he survived him 2 years, his green bed in his manor-house here, which bed was woven with doves, roses, &c.; his great defzor for the hall, with 2 c---, 6 coussons, all the vessels of the kitchen and brewhouse, all carts, ploughs and instruments belonging; one vestment, with a chalice and missal; his new vestment to be delivered to the parishioners of this town; and if *Alan* should die within the 2 years, then his executors to sell them for his soul's health: to *John Lampole* of *Mersham*, 50*s.* for all things forgotten; to *John Cressingham* 20*s.* to *John de Hapsburgh*, a monk of *Norwich*, 20*s.* to *Robert Illey*, his brother, all his bows, with the arrows, and 100*s.* to *Jeff. Basseson*, his servant, a cow, and 10*s.* and to each of his servants a cow; appoints Sir *Edmund Cole*, rector of *Hale*, *Robert*, his brother, and *Jeff. Basseson*, residuary legatees; gives to Sir *Edmund Cole* 40*s.* for his pains, and died without issue, as *Alan* his brother did, soon after him.

Sir Robert Illey, his brother, succeeded him, who with *Catherine* his wife were living in the 43d of the aforesaid King; he died before the 21st of *Richard* II. *Catherine* his widow confirming then to her trustees, Sir *William Calthorp*, *John Drew*, parson of *Harpley*, *Henry Walpole*, *Edmund Berry*, parson of *Sculthorp*, &c. her manor of *Frenge*, in *Norfolk*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the heirs of *Arnold de Monteney* were lords of a manor, held (as was found) of the Earl of *Rutland*.

Lady *Catherine Illey*, widow, on the day after the feast of St. *Ambrose*, the bishop, in 1417, made her will, which was proved on *July* 9, following, and thereby gives her manor of *Frenge*, for 10 years, to her executors in trust, for pious uses;[1] after that to *Sibilla*, her daughter and heir, provided she behaved herself civilly, and did not disturb her executors, but if she died before the 10 years were ended, then that manor to be sold, and the money to be disposed of in pious uses; and the lady *Catherine* was buried in the chancel of *Plumstede Parva*. She is said to be a daughter and heir of ——— *Gymingham; Sybilla* her daughter, then the wife of Sir *Roger Boys*.

SIBILLA, daughter and heir of Sir *Robert Illey*, and the lady *Catherine*, brought this manor by marriage to Sir *Roger Boys;* he died in 1421, and was buried in the priory of *Ingham; Sibilla* his relict was living in the 33d of *Henry* VI. and *Robert Bois*, Esq. her son and heir, inherited it; on whose death Sir *Edmund Jenney* of *Knatshall* in *Suffolk*, became lord, in right of *Catherine* his wife, daughter and heir of *Robert Bois*.—This came after to *Frances Thurkell*, who, in 1532, conveyed the manor of *Illeys* to *Miles Hobart*, Esq. with the advowson of the church.

The other lordship, called chaplain's, &c. was held, in the 19th of *Edward* IV. by *Robert Lethum;* by his will, dated about this time, he devised it to his executor, *John Loveday*, Esq. in trust, to the use of his will; this manor was to be his son *John's*, *Witton* manor to *Margaret* his wife for life, remainder to *Robert* his son, a minor, aged 4 years, and in custody of *John Ratcliffe*, and Lord *Fitz Walter*, but *John* the eldest son dying, *Chaplain's* manor was sold, in the 21st of the said King, by *Robert Townsend*, Esq. serjeant at law, and *Richard Southwell*, Esq. feoffees of *Robert Lethum*, and at the request of *John Loveday*, to *James Hobart*, Esq. by deed, dated *June* 20, for 200*l*.

He was descended from an ancient family, lords of *Tye-Hall*, in *Essex*. *John Hobart*, Esq. of *Tye-Hall*, was living there in 1389, and *John* his grandson in 1426;[2] his son married ———, daughter and heir of *Atte* church, by whom he had *Thomas Hobart* of *Tye-Hall*, who by *Eleanor* his wife, daughter and heiress of *John Tayler, alias Amfrey*, was father of *James*, who was a younger son, born at *Monks Illey* in *Suffolk*, student of the law at *Lincoln's Inn*, and was reader there in Lent term 1447; his first wife was ——— niece of *Walter Lyhert* Bishop of *Norwich*, sister and heir of *John Lyhert*, she died *sans issue* about the year 1470. King *Henry* VII. in 1486, made him his attorney general, was of his privy council, and, on the creation of *Henry* Prince of *Wales*, in 1505, was knighted; by *Margery*, his 3d wife, daughter of *Peter Naunton*, Esq. of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*, relict of *John Dorward*, Esq. he had 2 sons, Sir *Walter*, the eldest, of *Hales*-hall in *Loddon*, and *Miles*, who was lord of this town; also a daughter *Catherine*. Sir *James* died at a great age in the 13th year (as I take it) of King *Henry* VIII. and was buried in the body, or nave of the cathedral church of *Norwich*, on the north side, between the 9th and 10th pillars, (in a chapel formerly inclosed,) as was *Margery* his widow, who presented to this church in 1517, as by her will, dated *September* 13, 1517, proved *October* 24, 1517.[3]—His 2d wife was

[1] Reg. Hurning, fol. 31. 2d. Pt.

[2] Nicholas Hobart, and his parceners held a quarter of a fee of the manor of Mileham, in Norfolk, *sans date*, in the reign of Henry III. Reg. Briggs, Norw. p. 35.

Dorothy, daughter of Sir *John Glemham* of *Suffolk*, by whom he had no issue living in the 14th of *Edward* IV. *Cambden* says, that he deserved well of the church, the country, and the commonweal; and indeed he merited this excellent character, being a right good man, of great learning, wisdom, bounty, and generosity, as his public benefactions testify, of which I shall speak in the town of *Loddon-Hales*.

He died lord of many manors; *Hales-Hall*, and *Lalleford's*, in *Loddon*, *Shadwell*, and *Cockerel's*, in *Morley*, *Easthall* in *Depeham*, *Dogeny's* in *Norwold*, &c.

Miles Hobart, Esq. 2d son of Sir *James*, possessed his father's lordships in this town, and bought of *Franc. Thyrkyll* the manors of *Ilteys* and *Samchis*, with 4 messuages and lands in *Plumsted Magna*, and *Parva*, *Blofield*, &c. *A°.* 24th of *Henry* VIII. as appears by a fine. He married *Hellen*, daughter and coheir of *John Blennerhasset* of *Frense*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. by his will, dated *August* 6, 1557, he appoints to be buried in the chapel on the north side of this church: had lordships, lands, and tenements in *Plumstede*, South *Walsham*, *Ranworth*, *Panxford*, *Hemlington*, *Langley*, *North Walsham*, *Edingthorp*, and *Kirkby*, by *Norwich*; gives to his wife the lordship of *Plumstede Parva*, *Wytton*, *Brundale*, in *Norfolk*, and the lordship of *Heigham*, in *Melles*, in *Suffolk*, for life; the lordship of *Thwayt*, in *Norfolk*, to *John* his 2d son; appoints his wife executrix, and *John Corbet*, Esq. supervisor of his will, proved *February* 22, 1557.[4] *Anne*, sister and coheir with *Hellen*, married Sir *Henry Grey*, Knt. of *Bedfordshire*.

Thomas Hobart, Esq. his son and heir, married *Audrey*, daughter and heir of *William Hare*, Esq. of *Beeston*, in *Norfolk*, by whom he had 2 sons, *Miles* and *Henry*.

By an inquisition, he was found to die *March* 26, 1560; his widow remarried Sir *Edward Warner*, lieutenant of the Tower of *London*, who dying *November* 7, 1565, she married *William Blennerhasset*, Esq. and in 1572, they presented to this church. *Thomas* died also lord of *Beeston*, in *Norfolk*, and *Leigham*, in *Suffolk*; she died in 1581.

Henry, the 2d son, was lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, lord of *Blickling* in *Norfolk*, from whom the Right Honourable the Earl of *Buckingham* descends.

Miles Hobart, Esq. eldest son and heir of *Thomas*, was a minor at the death of his father; was living and lord in 1576, and 1595, *Margaret*, his wife, was daughter of Sir *Thomas Woodhouse*, Knt. of *Waxham*, in *Norfolk*.

Sir Thomas, son and heir of *Miles*, presented in 1613 to this church, and married *Willoughby*, daughter of Sir *Arthur Hopton* of *Westwood*, and *Blyburgh* in *Suffolk*.

Sir Miles succeeded his father, Sir *Thomas*, created Knight of the Bath at the coronation of King *Charles* I. *Margaret* his wife was daughter of *Edward* Lord *Dudley*; it appears by a fine on his marriage, in the 4th of the said King, that he was then lord of this town, *Whitton*, *Brundale*, *Skeyton*, *Cattes-hall*, *Empolis*, *Beeston*, *Leams*, *Edingthorp*, *Willoughby's*, and *Rowthings*; she was buried in the church of St. *Margaret's Westminster*, in 16--.

In 1653, Sir *Miles* mortgaged this lordship to *Edward Myleham*, Gent. and ——— *Dickson*: in 1664, ——— *Winter* conveyed it to

[4] Reg. Hastings, Norw. p. 60.

Roger Smith, an attorney at *Norwich*; and *Thomas Wise* of *Norwich* was lord by the marriage of *Smith's* daughter.

William Hewar, Esq. of *Clapham* in *Surry*, presented, as lord, to the church in 1701; and the lordship, with the patronage, was in *Samuel Edgerlye*, clerk, &c. in 1716: in 1719, *Hewar Edgerley Hewar*, Esq. was lord and patron, but in 1745, *William Blackbourn*, Esq. and *Ann Jackson* presented.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a little fee, which a bordarer held under *Godric*, in King *Edward's* time, 9 acres of land ploughed by 2 oxen, valued in *Wroxham*.[5]—This came by the marriage of *Agnes*, daughter and heir of this *Ralph*, to *Hubert de Rie*, Castellan of *Norwich*, &c. and was after united with the manors aforesaid.

Robert de Holmestede and *Alice* his wife conveyed by fine, in the 43d of *Edward* III. to *Walter Bron* of *Norwich*, before *Robert de Thorp*, *John Mowbray*, *William de Fyncham*, and *William de Wychingham*, the King's justices, a messuage, with 140 acres of land, 6 of meadow, 30 of pasture, 30 of heath, and 5*s.* rent, &c. in this town, *Plumstede Magna*, and *Witton*; and paid to *Robert* and *Alice* 20 marks of silver for this grant.

The tenths of the town were 1*l.* 2*s.*—Deducted 2*s.*

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Gervase*, and the ancient valor was 12 marks, present valor 7*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* and is discharged: it paid *Peter*-pence 12*d.* carvage 12*d.*

Gilbert Gernun of *Blofield* confirmed to *William*, parson of the church of *Plumstede*, and his 2 sons, *John* and *Nicholas*, a turbary by *Baisbrigg*, *sans date*.

RECTORS.

In 1303, *William de Hoveden* instituted rector, presented by Sir *Ernulph de Mounteney*, as lord of *Sprouston*.

1304, *William de Wallop*, by Sir *Anold de Mounteney*.

1329, *Walter le Claver*, by *John le Claver*.

1340, *Walter Peck*, by *Robert de Hales* and *Amicia* his wife, who recovered the presentation against *Maud*, wife of *Alexander Helbeck* of *Stokesby*, *William de Mateshall*, and *Alice* his wife, *John de Snoring*, and *Elena* his wife, and *Agnes*, late wife of *John Claver*.

1356, *Walter de Helbeck*, by *William Clere*.

1360, *Thomas Olyver*, by *John*, son of *Alexander Helbeck*.

In the 16th of *Edward* III. *Robert Sweyne* of *Hales*, and *Amicia* his wife, conveyed the 4th part of the advowson with lands here, and in *Witton*, to *Maud*, widow of *Alexander*, son of *Ralph de Helbeck*.

1399, *Thomas Salterworse*, by the Lady *Catherine*, relict of Sir *Robert Ilney*.

1438, *Walter Burford*, by Sir *Henry Inglose*, and *Sibilla*, late wife of Sir *Roger Boys*, *Walter Eton*, and *Roger Norwich*, in right of the manor of *Ilneys*.

1469, *Richard Bonet*, by *Robert Lestoun*, Esq.

1471, *Robert Moore*. *Ditto*.

[5] In Plumsteda, i. bor. ho. Godric. appretiat. est. in Wroscham. de ix. ac. tre. sep. arat. cum ii. bovib;

Richard Mere, rector.

1479, *Thomas Harneys*, by *John Lesthun*, Esq.

1506, *William Clark*, by Sir *James Hobart*.

1514, *William Woodroff*.

1517, *John Knight*, by *Margery*, relict of Sir *James Hobart*.

1536, *Arnold Witton*, by *Miles Hobart*, Esq.

Franc. Garthe, rector.

1559, *Adam Barker*, by *Thomas Hobart*, Esq.

1572, *Edmund Bishop*, by *William Blenerhasset*, Esq. and the Lady *Etheldreda Warner*, his wife.

Edward Bentley, rector, about 1600.

Ralph Barlowe, compounded for his first-fruits, *February* 14, 1613, presented by Sir *Thomas Hobart*, Knt.

1716, *Robert Cubit*, on the death of *John Cornwall*, by *Samuel Edgerley*, clerk, *John Hungerford*, Esq. &c.

1719, *John Russel*, by *Hewer Edgley Hewer*, Esq.

1745, *Norwood Sparrow*, by *William Blackbourn*, Esq. and *Ann Jackson*.

At the upper end of the chancel is a marble grave-stone, with the portraiture of a knight in complete armour, at his feet a ——— couchant, in brass.

Sir Edward Warner, Knight, now resteth here,
Who lived to full 50 years and fower;
His wifes also by armes you see appeare,
What needeth then with words to blaze them o're.
His virtues rare, would not be letten passe,
Ne yet so worthy state in silence synke,
But who dares wright his golden gifts in brasse,
Or blot his fame with rude and silly inke.
In somme therefore, let this be sayd for all,
With God and man he liveth and ever shall.

Obijt. 7°. die Nov. A°. Domi. 1565.

And these arms; quarterly, *per* bend indented, *argent* and *sable*— and *azure*, a lis *or*, quarterly, in the 1st and 4th quarters, by the name of *Warner;* in the 2d and 3d quarters, *vert*, a cross ingrailed, *ermin, Whetenhall.*—Also *Warner* and *Whetenhall*, as before, impaling quarterly, 1st, *gules*, on a chevron a lion rampant *sable*, crowned *or, Brook* Lord *Cobham;*—2d, *gules*, on a chevron *or*, three lioncels rampant *sable, Cobham* Lord *Cobham;*—3d, *azure*, on a fess between three leopards faces *or*, a crescent *sable, Delapole;*—4th, *argent*, seven mascles voided *gules, Braybrook.* Sir *Edward's* first wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Brook* of *Cobham*.

Against the north wall of the chancel is a fair raised tomb, with the figure of a man and a woman, without any inscription, or arms.

On a grave-stone by the north wall;—

Orate p. aiâ Dni. Walterj Burford quondam rectoris istius ecclie. qui nova. fabricam istius Cancellj fieri fecit.

On a grave-stone in the north chapel;—

Here lyeth Thomas Hubbard, Esq. who departed this life the 26, day

of March, in the year 1560, *and left issue* 2 *sonnes and* 2 *daughters*, and the arms of *Hubbard, sable,* an estoile *or*, between two flaunches *ermine,* impaling *gules,* two bars and a chief indented, *or, Hare.*

On another adjoining; *Hubbard* impaling *Blenerhasset,* without any inscription, this is in memory of

Miles Hobart, Esq. and Hellen his wife, daughter and coheir of John Blenerhasset of Frense, Esq.

On a grave-stone, in the church;—

Here lyeth Alice Wayte, first wife to William Hare, Esq. and after to Robert Rugge, and mother to the lady Etheldred Warner, who dyed here in much vertue and quiet, 72 *years, and departed hence to live for ever, the first day of July, A°. Dni.* 1566.

Hobart bore quarterly these arms; in the 1st, *Hobart,* in the 2d, *Atte Church,* quarterly *argent* and *sable,* in the 3d, *Taylor, ermine,* three pallets *sable,* 4th, *Lyhert, argent,* a bull passant *sable,* armed and unguled *or,* in a bordure of the 2d bezanty.

In the gallery of Sir *Thomas Hobart's* house here, in 1614, were the following arms.

Hobart impaling *Lyhert; Hobart* impaling *Naunton, sable,* three martlets, *argent; Hobart* and *Heydon; Hobart* and *Fitz-Walter; Hobart* and *Blenerhasset* with his quarterings, in the 1st *Blenerhasset, gules,* a chevron *ermin,* between three dolphins, embowed *argent;* in the 2d *Loudham,* also *Kelvedon, Orton,* &c.; *Hobart* and *Fineaux, vert,* a chevron between three eaglets displayed, *or; Samson, gules,* a cross *argent,* billette, *sable,* and *Hobart.* Sir *Thomas Sampson* married *Catherine,* daughter of Sir *James Hobart. Hobart* and *Hare; Wiseman* and *Hobart; Blenerhasset* and *Tyndall,* with his quarterings; *Felbrigg* and *Scales; Blenerhasset* and *Brayham, sable,* a cross flory, *or; Blenerhasset* and *Eshingham, azure,* fretty *argent; Calthorp* and *Blenerhasset; Warner* and *Blenerhasset; Grey* quartering, *Hastings* and *Valence,* impaling *Blenerhasset. Warner* impaling *Marsh, sable,* a cross *argent,* fretty of the first, between four lions heads erased, of the 2d.

On a tablet hanging there;

Audrey daughter of William Hare,
His only heir by law, and right,
Of Thomas Hobart, a wife very rare,
And then to Sir Edward Warner, Knight.
And last to William Blenerhasset,
Three cozens Germans, by God so assigned,
Where ------ and lovely marriage was met,
To live all in one, a rare thing to find.
Full ty's to them, a wife most true,
To these a most good and loveing mother;
But by Hobart only her issue grew,
The eldest Miles, and Henry his brother.
She loved God's word, and lived likewise,
She gave to the poore, and welcomed the rich.

She exchanged this life July 16, 1581.

Lo here, you ladies, you widows, and wives,
A glass for your geer, your selfs to behold,
Seek here a sample, and guide for your lifes,
Far passing beauty, and borders of gold.

On the top of this tablet; *Hobart le Hart*, quarterly, impaling *Hare*; *Blenerhasset* and *Hare*; *Warner* and *Hare*; *Hobart* and *Woodhouse*, quarterly, *ermin* and *azure*, a leopard's head in the first quarter, *or*, and these mottos: *Qui perde la foye, a ne plus de perdre.* ——*Go strait and fear not.*——*Deus providebit.*

POSWICK.

THIS town, before the conquest, was divided into several parts, or fees, and held by different persons; *Escul*, a freeman, had in King *Edward's* reign 2 carucates of land, 6 villains, 9 bordarers, and 2 servi; a carucate and a half in demean, with 3 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 40 swine, 15 acres of meadow, a mill, 3 runci, 15 cows, &c. with a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 2*s*.

CATTON was a beruite belonging to this town, with 30 acres of land, and 3 bordarers, with half a carucate among them, 5 oxen, 5 acres of meadow, valued then at 40*s*. but at the survey at 4*l*. when *Eudo*, the sewer, was lord.

RATHO, a freeman, held in the said reign a carucate of land, 3 villains, 5 bordarers, and one servus, there was a carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, &c. and 8 acres of meadow; two socmen had also 4 acres of land valued then at 20*s*. and at the survey at 40*s*.

CALP, a freeman, had also in King *Edward's* reign a carucate of land, 3 villains, one carucate in demean, half a one among the tenants, &c. 8 acres of meadow valued then at 15*s*. but at the survey at 40*s*.; the whole town was one leuca long, half a one broad, paid 13*d*. *ob*. gelt; *Lisiws* or *Leswi* had all these fees united and made one manor, before *Eudo*, who succeeded him therein, and was lord at the survey. In King *Edward's* time, the soc and sac belonged to the hundred, but *Eudo* held them at the survey.[6]

[6] Terre Eudonis Dapiferi.——Possuic ten. Escule. i. lib. ho. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. tc. vi. villi. p. et m°. v. sep. ix. bor. et ii. ser. tc. i. car. et dim. in. dnio. p. et m°. i. sep. iii. car. hou. silv. XL. por. et XV. ac. pti. m°. i. mol. sep. iii. r. et XV. an. tc. XL. por. m°. XVI. i. Eccla. XX. ac. et val. ii. sol.——Isti adjacet i. beruita Catuna de. XXX. ac. tre. et iii. bor. tc. dim. car. intr. totu. et m°. v. boves. v. ac. pti. tc. val. XL. sol. p. et m°. iiii. lib.——In eade. ten. Ratho i. lib. ho. T. R. E. i. car. tre. sep. iii. villi. et v. bor. et i. ser. sep. i. car. in dnio. et dim. hou. silva XX. por. et viii. ac. pti. sep. iii. por. et ii. soc. de iiii. ac. tre. tc. val. XX. et p. et m°. XL.——Adhuc in eade. ten. Calp. lib. ho. T.R.E. i. car. tre. sep. iii. villi. tc. i. car. in dnio. et sep. dim. car. hou. silv. XV.

This *Eudo* was sewer, or steward, of the Conqueror's household, who granted the abovementioned fees, united into one lordship, to him, who was a *Norman*, fourth son of *Hubert de Rie;* of whom see in *Swanton Morley.*[7] How long *Eudo* enjoyed it does not appear, but it came, we find, to the descendants and heirs of his 2d brother, *Hubert de Rya*, governor of *Norwich* castle; whose grandson, (as I conceive,) *Hubert de Rya*, dying in the 18th of *Henry* II. without issue male, left 2 daughters and coheirs, *Oliva*, and *Isabel;* this last married *Roger de Cressi*, after the death of her first husband, *Jeffrey de Chester.*

Besides this lordship, *Eudo* had, by the gift of the Conqueror, in the hundred of *Shorpham-Rockland, Shropham, Roudham*, and *Bretenham* manors;—in *Walsham* hundred, *Tunstal;*—in *Humbleyard* hundred, *Intwood.*

Roger de Cressi had in right of *Isabel* his wife 17 fees and a half, being the moiety of the barony of *Rye;* by *Isabel* he had 2 sons, *Hugh de Cressi* the eldest, who died about the 47th of *Henry* III. *sans issue*, and *Stephen de Cressi*, who also dying without issue, the said King granted this lordship as an eschaet, to *William de Valentia*, and *Joan* his wife: *William* was brother, by his mother, to King *Henry* III. and *Joan* was daughter of *William* (sister and heir to her brother, *William*) *de Montchensy*, a great baron of this realm. In the 3d of *Edward* I. *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke* was found to have the lete, and assise, &c. and was succeeded herein by his son, *Adomare* Earl of *Pembroke*, who dying *sans issue*, it descended to *Joan*, (one of the daughters and coheirs of *John Comyn*, lord of *Badenagh* in *Tyndale*, by *Joan* his wife, sister and coheir of *Adomare*,) who being married to *David de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol*, had livery of it on *March* 27, in the 19th of *Edward* III. in which family it remained till on the death of *David de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol*, or of *Athels*, in *Scotland*, it came to his two daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, and *Philippa.*

In the 47th of *Edward* III. *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland* gave the King 760*l.* to have the custody of the Castle of *Milford*, &c. in *Northumberland*, and of the 2 daughters aforesaid of *David.*—*Elizabeth* was married to Sir *Thomas Percy;* and *Philippa*, to Sir *Ralph Percy*, two younger sons of *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland.*

On a division of the estate, this lordship was assigned to her: she remarried Sir *John Halsham* of *West Greynsted*, in *Sussex;* and in the 19th of *Richard* II. it was found that *John*, son of Sir *John*, was heir to this lordship, in right of *Philippa* his mother.

Sir Hugh Halsham died possessed of it in the 20th of *Henry* VI. and *Joan* (daughter and heir of *Richard Halsham* his late brother) was his heir. This *Richard* had been a *Celestin* monk at *Paris*, but quitted his order, and married; *Joan*, their daughter and heir, brought it by marriage to *John Lewknor*, Esq. of *Gring*, in *Sussex*, with the lordships of *Filby, Stiveky, West Lexham*, and *Holkam*, and was sold

por. viii. ac. pti. tc. val. xv. sol. et m°. xl. totu. ht. i. leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et de gelto xiii. d. et obolu. hoc totu. tenet Lisius. p. i. man. m°. tenet Eudo. successor illius. et intpr. r. e. soca. et saca fuit in hund. sed m°. tenet Eudo.

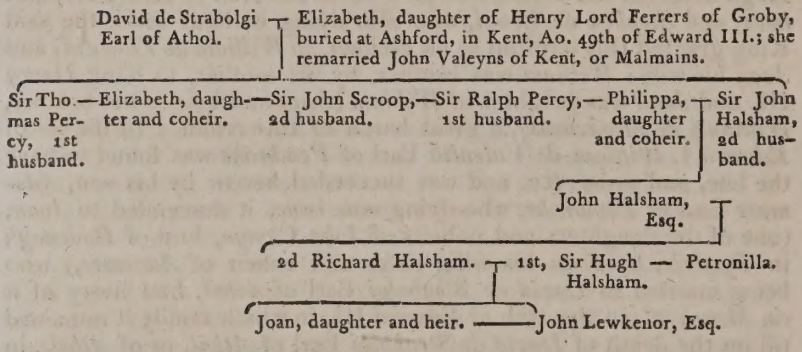
[7] See also in Horseford, West Lexham.

by the feoffees of the said *John Lewknor*, and *Joan*, to Sir *Jeff. Boleyn* of *Blickling*, alderman, &c. of *London*.

In the 34th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *James Bulleyn* had license to alienate it to *Henry Ward*, Esq.[8] whose son *Edward* died possessed of it in 1583: and Sir *Randal Ward*, Bart. of *Bixley*, died lord in 176-, leaving *Susan* his sister and heir, who after married the Earl of *Rosebury*, in *Scotland*.

Under the invasions, we find that *Eudo*, the sewer, had at the survey, 2 freemen's lands, which they held in King *Edward's* reign, (whom *Eudo's* predecessor, *Liswi*, had seized on,) and were under the protection of *Escule*, being 60 acres, and a carucate, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at the survey, with its services, at 2*s*. but before at 5*s*.[9] This was joined to the other manors, or fees.

STRABOLGI'S PEDIGREE.



CATTON.

CATUN abovementioned (as part of *Eudo's* fees at the survey) appears to have been a town nigh to *Posswick;* and was a beruite belonging to, and united to, *Posswick* manor, held by *Eudo*. There was also another part (at that time) of the said town, which *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Norwich* held as a lay fee, granted to him by the Conqueror, of which a freeman was deprived, who held it under the commendation, or protection, of Earl *Gert*, consisting of 60 acres of land; (when *Ervast*, the Bishop, entered on this see, he gave it to *Reinald*, one of his men; (5 bordarers were here, a carucate in demean,

[8] Of the Wards, see Blomfield's Hist. vol. v. p. 451.

[9] Invasiones.–In Possuic ii. lib. hoes. Escule. comd. de LX. ac. m° tenet. Eudo Dapifer ab antecessore suo. Lisuio viii. ac. pti. sep. i. car. tc. val. v. sol. m°. reddit ii. sol. cu. servitio.

and half a one among the tenants, &c. one runcus, 12 swine, with 7 acres of meadow, valued then, and always at 15*d.*[1]

This part of *Catton* which Bishop *Beaufoe* held as a lay fee, at his death, seems to have descended to his family; *Ralph de Beaufoe*, probably his son, whose daughter and heir, *Agnes*, brought it by marriage to *Hubert de Rye*, castellan of *Norwich* castle, whose descendant *Hubert* dying in the 18th of *Henry* II. his inheritance being divided between 2 daughters and coheirs; *Roger de Cressi* was lord of this town in right of *Isabel* his wife, daughter of the said *Hubert*, and thus the lordships of *Posswick* and *Catton* were united.

The priory of *Norwich* had, in the reign of *Henry* II. an interest in this town, *Hubert de Seyncler* gave to *Tancred*, the prior, by deed *sans date*, his lordship, in *Poswyck* with the appertenances held of the barony of *Rye*, which was confirmed by *William Turbe* Bishop of *Norwich*, and *Thomas Becket* Archbishop of *Canterbury*;[2] and in 1176, *John* Bishop of *Norwich* had a bull from Pope *Alexander* III. for lands, and meadows which the prior of *Ely* bought of *Lecelina*, and *Beatrice*, of the fee of *Posswyke*. *Thomas de Blomvile*, Bishop, confirmed to the priory the charter of Bishop *John de Grey*, of tithes in *Posswyk*.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior had the lete of his tenants, &c. and in the 10th of that King, *William Butt* conveyed lands by fine to the priory; and in the 14th, the prior sued *Hugh le Scot*, &c. for lands, &c. In the 19th of that King *John*, prior of St. *Mary's* of *Walsingham*, grants to *Henry*, prior of *Norwich*, 5*s.* rent here, late *William Butts*.

Adomare de Valentia Earl of *Pembroke*, released the lands and tenements that the priory held of him, from all payments, homages, &c. and made them free from all services, by deed, dated at *Norwich*, *November* 7, *A°.* 3°. *Edward* II.—Witnesses, Sir *John de Pakenham*, Sir *Anselm Marshal*, Sir *Adomare le Zouch*, Sir *Walter de Huntingfeld*, *Simon de Dallyng*, *Clement de Plumstede*, and *Andrew de Yelverton*. In the 18th of that King, *William*, son of *Egidia*, daughter of *Adam de Musters*, gave lands to the prior, late *Adam's*, (his grandfather's) in *Posswyk*, with the homage of his villains.

The temporalities of the priory were valued, in 1428, at 3*l.* 10*s.*

After the dissolution of the priory, on the foundation of a dean and prebendaries, the priory manor was granted to that body, and so remains.

The tenths were 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—Deducted 10*s.* 4*d.*

The church of *Poswick* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a rectory, valued at 15 marks.—*Peter*-pence 10*d.*—Carvage 2*d. ob.*—The prior of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe, valued at 4 marks. *Eudo*, the sewer, lord at the survey, with *Rohai* his wife, granted to *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich*, and to all his clergy (*omni congregatione*) of the Holy *Trinity* church of *Norwich*, the tithe of *Posswyk* in corn, money, and all things, as fully as they held it in the time of *Serlon*;[3] and they

[1] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo——In Catuna i. lib. ho. Gerti. comd. tantu. T. R. E. de LX. ac. tre. Eudo. Ervastus venit ad episcopatu. dedit cuida. hoc suoReinaldo, tc. v. bord. m°. iiii.tc. i. car. in dnio sep. et dim. car. hom. silva v. porc. et. i. runc. et xii. porc. vii. ac. pti. tc. val. et xv*d.*

[2] Reg. i.Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol 37, 71, 100, 194, 195.

[3] Reg. I. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 194.—262.

beseech the Bishop and clergy, for the love of God, to receive them and their ancestours, as benefactors, to partake of their prayers, &c. and, on their deaths, to keep their anniversaries in the same manner as they did for a brother, or a sister: the cellarer of the said priory had also a pension of 5*s*.

RECTORS.

Thomas Rowland occurs rector in 1295.

1313, *Robert de Rudham* instituted, presented by *Audomare*, &c. Earl of *Pembroke*.

1320, *Richard de Winneferthing*. *Ditto*.

1324, *William de Northwell*, by the King.

1325, *John de Houton*. *Ditto*.

1327, Mr. *Will. Bush*, by Lady *Isabel de Bellomonte*, Lady *Vescy*.

1335, *Nicholas de Taunton*, by Sir *John de Ufford*, Knt. (Sir *John* had a grant of the manor and advowson, on account of the rebellion of *David de Strabolgi*, against King *Edward* III. and his taking part with the *Scots*.)

1346, *William de Somerdeby*. *Ditto*.

1355, *John Keke*. *Ditto*.

1358, *William de Stoke*. *Ditto*.

1360, Mr. *Robert de Wentebrygg*, *Ditto*.

1391, *William Cotenham*, by *William Reese*.

1404, *John Atte-Fenn*, by *John Halsham*, Esq.

John Bron, rector about 1440.

Henry Clifton died rector 1500.

Edward Lane occurs rector about 1600.

Tho. Withe compounded for first fruits in *May* 1613, presented by *Thomas Ward*, Esq.

Henry Stepey occurs rector about 1709.

John Russell, senior, rector in 1720.

The Rev. Mr. *Arnham* is the present rector.

The present valor is 10*l*. and pays first fruits, &c.

Here was the gild of *All-Saints*. In *March* 1440, *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich* appointed the feast of this church, on *Sunday* after the feast of St. *Processus*, and St. *Marcinianus*.

The CHURCH is a single pile, about 24 yards long, and 8 broad, with a four-square tower, and covered with lead, but the chancel is tiled.

In the chancel lie several marble gravestones in memory of the *Wards*.

Here under this marble stone lyeth the body of Jane, daughter of Edward Ward, Esq. and Jane his wife, who was buried July 22d, 1666. —*Here lyeth also the Body of William, the son of Edward Ward of Bixley, Esq; and Jane his wife buried January* 30. 1669; and these arms, in a lozenge; quarterly, in the first and fourth checq. *or* and *azure*, a bend, *ermine*, *Ward*; in the 2d and 3d, *gules*, on a fess, *or*, between three bezants a lion passant, *sable*, *Harborn*.

John, son of Edward, Ward Esq. and Jane his wife, was buried Janu. 13, 1682, *and Anne their daughter, April 22d*, 1683.

On another, with the arms of Ward, impaling *ermin*, on a fess, *sable*, three lions passant, *or*, *Rant*.

Edw. Ward de Bixley, in agro Norfolc. Baronettus, ecclesiæ Anglicanæ filius observantissimus, Regiæ majestatis subditus devotissimus, vir egregiæ indolis, eximiæ virtutis, potestate tam civili, quam militari publica decoratus, in utraq; probatus, obt. 15 *die Martii, Ao. Dni.* 1685, *Ætat suæ* 43, *et sub hoc marmore a mœstissimâ conjuge posito dormit.*

On a stone with a brass plate;

Orate p. aiâ. Hen. Clyfton quod. rectoris isti Ecclie, qui obt. v°. die Janu. 1500.

Also a mural monument:

In memory of Bernard Russel, who died May 3*a.* 1723, *in the* 23*d year of his age.*

In the church, a gravestone for

Mr. Robert Moss, who died Feb. 8, 1700, *in the* 67*th year of his age, and for Mary his wife, who died July* 23, *in the said year, aged* 65.—I take this to be in memory of the father and mother of Dr. *Robert Moss*, dean of Ely, &c. who was born in this town.

Near the font;

Here lyeth the body of Sarah, wife of William Moss, who died Feb. 9, 1706, *aged* 28.

Near to the south door;

Orate p. aiab; Willi. Thyrkyll, et Cecilie uxor; ej; qui ob. 23° *die Martis*, 1501.

SOUTHWOOD.

THIS town occurs under the invasion, or seizures of the lands at the conquest, made without any title or grant from the Conqueror.—In *Sutuude, Alsi*, a freeman, held 4 acres of land under commendation. When *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* was deprived for rebellion, it was accounted for among the King's manors. At the survey, *Rabel* the carpenter possessed it, valued at 8*d.*[4] See also in *Thorp*, and *Limpenhoe*, in this hundred. *Rabell*, the artificer, or carpenter, had invaded, or seized on it, without any lawful grant from the Conqueror, and was lord at the survey. In the 3d of *Richard* I. *Richard de Dunham* owed 5 marks to have his right in 10*l.* lands here, and in *Limpenhow*, against *Reginald de Hastings*. *Roger Fitz-Peter*, and *Edward de Eynford*,

[4] Invas.—In Sutuude, ten. i. lib. ho. Alsi, comd. T. R. E. qu. R. foris fecit, fuit in censu man. Reg. m°. ten. Rab. Carpentar. iiii. ac. tre. val. viii*d.*

had an interest herein, in the reign of *Henry* III. held of the manor of *Mileham*, by the grant of King *William* I. or purchase to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, lord of *Mileham*; *Richard*, son of *William de Suthwood*, *Walter Pye*, and *Nicholas Hobart*, had a quarter of a fee of the manor of *Mileham*.

The Earl of *Gloucester* had also a lordship in the reign of *Edward* I.

Gerard de Eynford was lord, in the 9th of *Edward* II. of the manor of *Mileham*; and the heirs of *Gerard*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. of the Earl of *Arundel*, and *John Steywar*, held a quarter of a fee of the said manor.

Dionysia de Clere possessed it in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and in the family of *Cleer* it remained, in the reign of *Philip* and *Mary*; and Sir *Edward Clere* was lord and patron in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

From the *Cleres* it came to the *Berneys* of *Reedham*; after that to Sir *James Edwards*, and to Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, and *Carteret Leathes*, Esq. See in *Limpenhow*.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Edmund*; old valor 6 marks;—*Peter*-pence 10*d.*—Carvage 2*d ob.*; the present valor is 2*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

Roger Kynlet, rector.
1313, *John de Fleming*, presented by *Edmund* Earl of *Arundel*.
1319, *Richard de Dounton*. *Ditto*.
1323, *Thomas de Cleve*. *Ditto*.
1325, *John de Coliford*. *Ditto*.
1335, *Walter de Bradford*, by *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*
Roger Caly, rector.
1357, *Step. le Taliour*.
1389, *Thomas de Dene*, by *Richard*, &c.
1391, *John Benne*. *Ditto*.
In 1547, *John Waynhouse* occurs rector.
The church is consolidated to *Limpenhow*.

STRUMPSHAW.

AT the survey, *Godric*, as steward for the Conqueror, had the care of a lordship, of which 2 freemen were deprived, who held it under *Robert Stalre*, consisting of 82 acres of land, &c. 4 bordarers: and there was a carucate among them and the tenants; also another freeman of *Stalre* had 30 acres of land, with 8 of meadow, valued at 8*s.*

the soc and sac of the 2 freemen was in *Ralph*, and the soc of the other was in the King.[5]

The ancient family of *De Danmartin* were early enfeoffed of this lordship, by a grant from the Crown.——*Odo de Danmartin* held it in the reign of *Henry* II. *Basilia*, wife of *Odo*, gave, in the first year of that King, an account of 60 marks of silver to have her dower: and *Odo*, son of *Odo*, paid 100 marks for his father's lands at *Mendlesham* in *Suffolk*, &c.[6] It was a numerous family. In the said reign flourished *Aubrey*, *Manasser*, *William*, and *Odo de Danmartin*; and, in the 12th of King *John*, *Odo* held one fee in this town.

In the book of inquisitions, called *Testa de Nevill*, in the custody of the King's remembrancer, *Odo* held the same by one fee, said to be the King's demean, and given to *Odo*, his ancestor, by King *Henry* I. A mandate was granted, in the 9th of *Henry* III. to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to deliver to Sir *John de Wanton* all the land belonging to his wife *Alice*, sister and heir of *Odo de Danmartin*, deceased; the King having received his homage; and a mandate also to the sheriff of *Suffolk* and *Surry*. *Alice*, after the death of Sir *John*, about the 16th of the said King, remarried *Roger de Clare*; on his death, she gave 200 marks to have the custody of his lands, and the marriage of his heir.

Galiena de Danmartin granted, by fine, in the 41st of *Henry* III. to *Hugh de Maundevill* the manor of *Mendlesham*; and *Hugh*, at the request of *Galiena*, granted it to *Nicholas Leuknore*, he paying 30*s*. *per ann.* for life, in exchange for lands in *Braghing* in *Hertfordshire*, and *Taxted* in *Essex*, granted to *Hugh*.

In the said year, *Gerard Evermere*, and *Felicia* his wife, released to *Stephen de Strumshaw* all their right in a marsh, called *Destholm*, quit of the heirs of *Felicia*. This *Stephen* had also an interest in this lordship, which seems to be divided about this time; and, in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Stephen* was found to have the lete, the assise, &c. of his tenants; and, in the following year, Sir *Stephen de Strumshaw*, and *Margery* his wife, conveyed the manor of *Strumshaw*, with lands in *Redham* and *Tunstal*, and the advowson of St. *Peter's* church of *North Birlingham* (reserving to Sir *Stephen* and his wife their lives therein) to *William* Lord *Bardolf*, and *Julian* his wife.

Nicholas Wancy, and *Alice Danmartin* his wife, were charged, in the 15th of the said King, with 130*l*. of the goods of *Elias* Bishop of the Jews.[7]

The family of *Danmartin* had still an interest in the lordship of *Strumshaw*; *Hugh*, son of *Otto de Danmartin*, had a lordship here and in *Mendlesham*, and a patent for a fair at *Mendlesham*; with a mercate, in the 9th of *Edward* I. he was master of the King's mint, and died *sans* issue.

Sir *John de Botetourt*, on the death of *Hugh*, had livery of this lordship, and of *Mendlesham*, in the 30th of *Edward* I. in right of *Maud*, sister and heir of *Otto*, father of *Hugh*:[8] Sir *John* was admiral of the *Norfolk* coast, in the 23d of that King, with whom he was in

[5] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat. —In Stromessaga ii. lib. hoes. R. Stralre cu. soca. et saca de LXXXii. ac. tre. silv iiii. por. et semp. iiii. bor. semp. i. car. intr. se et hoes. et in eade. ali. lib. ho. R. Stalre ad soca.—Regis XXX. ac. tre. et viii. ac. pti. sep. val. viii. sol.

[6] Rot. Pip. Lib. Rub. Sccij.

[7] Rot. Pip.

[8] Some say, Maud was daughter and heir of Hugh.

high favour; and was appointed, with *Maud* his wife, to attend at *Ipswich* on the King's daughter *Elizabeth*, with *John* Earl of *Holland*, on *Monday* the feast of the *Epiphany*. In the 29th of that King, he was one of those great lords, who sent to the Pope a letter, asserting that the kingdom of *Scotland* was not of his fee, and denied him all jurisdiction in temporal matters; and, in the 33d, as one of the King's counsellors, gave answer to the Bishop of *Byblis, in partibus infidelium*, that the preferring him to the priory of *Goldingham* in *Scotland*, by the Pope's bull of provision, would be to the prejudice of the King's crown and dignity, and therefore not grantable to him. In the said year he was a justice of *Trayl Baston* in several counties.

In the 4th of *Edward* II. the office of engraver of the dies for coin was in this family, and sold by Sir *John* to *William Latimer*. About this time the manor came to the Lords *Bardolf*, and so was united to his lordship above-mentioned.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *William*, Lord *Bardolf*, and *Julian* his wife, called to warrant his right herein; *James de Nicole*, and *Margery* his wife, *Eufemia*, late wife of *William de Billocby*, *Simon Payteyn*, and *Alice* his wife, and *Stephen*, son of *Christiana*, (who was a minor,) they being the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Stephen*, their parts being conveyed to the Lords *Bardolfs*, (as in *Wirmegay*,) and so came to the *Beaumonts*, &c. and to Sir *William Arundel* Lord *Matravers*, and *Anne* his wife. *Henry* Earl of *Arundel* conveyed it to Queen *Mary*, &c. on *January* 2d, *Ao.* 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*: the Queen granted it to Sir *Nicholas Hare*: his will is dated *September* 26, 1557, and died in *Chancery-lane, London, October* 3d following, seized of it, and of the abbey of *Brusyerd* in *Suffolk*, leaving *Catherine* his lady, who died soon after, on *Nov.* 22d; also three sons, *Michael*, aged 28, *Robert*, 2d son, *William* the 3d, and *Ann* a daughter, married to *Thomas Rouse*, Esq. In the 4th of *Elizabeth*, *Robert Hare*, Esq. was lord, and clerk of the pells, and died *s. p.*

In the 5th of *James* I. *April* 1, Sir *Ralph Hare* aliened it to Sir *Thomas Berney* of *Reedham*, in which family it remained, till sold with *Reedham*, &c. to Sir *James Edwards*, and after to Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, and now *Carteret Leathes*, Esq. is lord.

The Bishop of *Norwich's* lordship of *Bradeston* extended into this town, and was held by the *Breidestons* of that see, from whom it came to the *Catestons*, or *Castons*, the *Carbonels* and *Berneys*, as in *Bradeston*, and so conveyed to Sir *James Edwards*, Bart. (as in *Reedham* and *Bradeston*) by chancery, about 1700, on the sale of the estate of *Richard Berney*, Esq. In 1740, Sir *Lambert Blackwell's* heirs possessed the whole town, and were patrons; and in 1735, *Carteret Leathes*, Esq.

In this manor was the right of patronage of the church.

The tenths were 5*l.* 2*s.*—Deducted 12*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Peter*; was valued at 10 marks;—*Peter*-pence 13*d.*—Carvage 2*d. ob.* the present valor is 3*l.* and is discharged.

RECTORS:

William, rector of this church, by his deed, *sans* date, gave to *Agnes* his friend *(amice mee)* all his tenement that he held in *Strumpshaw* by lay fee; and afterwards, *William*, son of *Agnes de Strumpshaw*, granted it to the monks of *Norwich*, with the advowson of the church.

John de Thorp was rector in 1258.

John occurs rector in 1286.

1312, *William de Caston* instituted, presented by the Lady *Joan*, relict of Sir *Robert de Caston*.

1325, *William de Nerford*, by Sir *John de Caston*.

1333, *John de Northstreet*. *Ditto*.

Ralph de Caston, rector.

1348, *William de Bergh*, by Sir *John de Caston*.

1349, *William de Denston*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Ralph Tulet*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Nicholas Atte Gap de Blofield*. *Ditto*.

1361, *Simon de Dallyngham*. *Ditto*.

1391, *Robert Tulby*, by *Catherine*, relict of Sir *John Caston*.

1399, *William Atte Church de Felthorpe*, by the Bishop, on the minority of the heir of Sir *Robert Carbonel*.

1417, *Nicholas Fuller*, by *William Westacre*, archdeacon of *Norwich*, *William Argentein*, &c.

1417, *John Walshe*, by Sir *John Carbonel*, Knt. and *Margery* his wife.

1420, *John Richeman*. *Ditto*.

1459, *John Pemberton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1459, *Robert Syre*, by *Osb. Mundeford*, Esq.

1479, *Edmund Dobbys*, by *Richard Suthwell*, Esq. guardian of *John*, son and heir of *John Berney*, Esq. late of *Reedham*.

1482, *John Hays*, by *John Berney*.

Thomas Nodd, by *John Berney*, Esq.

1547, *Edmund Dockyng*, by *John Berney*, Esq.

1555, *John Sewell*. *Ditto*.

1562, *Thomas Warwick*, by *Henry Berney*, Esq.

1566, *Thomas Moore*. *Ditto*.

1576, *Thomas Jackson*. *Ditto*.

1618, *Thomas Mould* compounded for first fruits.

1724, *Gilbert Pickering*, by *John Pitts*, clerk.

1735, *Joseph Clerk*, by *Carteret Leathes*, Esq.

1758, *George Dowdeswell*. *Ditto*.

1764, Rev. Mr. *Nelson*. *Ditto*.

William, son of *Agnes de Strumsawe*, daughter of *Thorald de Finch ing field*, gave to the use of the almoner of the Holy *Trinity* church of *Norwich*, his whole messuage and lands, and homages, with the advowson of *Strumpsawe* church, paying yearly to *John de Cateston*, and to *Egidia*, the wife of the said *William*, 4*s. per ann.*[9] This was in or about the 24th of *Henry* III.

[9] Reg 2d. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 76.—88.

Sir *John de Caston*, and *Catherine* his wife, grants, in the 7th of *Edward* III. to the prior of *Norwich*, a free fold-course for 120 sheep, in the fields and commons here, for ever: dated at *Breydeston*.

The temporalities of the priory, valued in 1428, at 6*d*.

A legacy granted to the building of the tower, in 1487.—Here was the guild of St. *Peter*.

THORP, BY NORWICH,

Called *Torp* in the survey. *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury* was lord of it in the reign of the Confessor, in his own right, and held it as a lay-fee; on his deprivation, the Conqueror seized on it, and *William de Noiers* took care of it, or farmed it at the survey, as steward to him.[1] In *Stigand's* time, there were 3 carucates, with 24 villains, &c. and 5 borderers, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, &c. and 4 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 1200 swine, and 40 acres of meadow, one runcus, 2 cows, &c. with 36 goats. Twenty-six socmen held 2 carucates of land, and one of them had 3 bordarers, and there belonged to them 3 carucates and a half; of one of these, *Ralph* (late) Earl of *Norfolk* had a moiety, with 30 acres of land, and the soc was in *Stigand*. After Earl *Ralph* forfeited, who was lord of this town, and had the soc and sac; *Robert Blund* farmed it of the King, as *William Nowers* did, when it was charged and valued at 12*l*. one sextary of honey, and 2000 herrings; at the survey at 30*l*. quit-rent. It was 3 leucas long, and one leuca and 3 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d*. gelt. Here were also 3 socmen, and the moiety of another, with 32 acres of land, and 4 acres of meadow; and, among the tenants, a carucate, which *Godwin Halden* then held, with their soc and sac, by the grant of Earl *Ralph*, as the hundred testifies; but they belong to *Thorp*, with their customary dues; and besides there are 140 sheep, valued at 24*d*.

After *Stigand's* deprivation, *Ralph de Waiet*, alias *Guader*, &c. being made Earl of *Norfolk* in 1075 had a grant of this lordship, and on his rebellion it came again to the Crown, where it remained till King *Henry* I. granted it, on the 3d of *Sep.* 1101,[2] [see opposite page,]

[1] Tre. Stigandi Epis. quas custodit W. de Noiers in manu Regis.

Torp. ten. Stigand. Archiepis. T. R. E. iii. car. tc. xxiiii. vill. p'. xxiii. m°. xxii. et v. bord. sep. tc. et. p'. ii. ser. m°. i. tc. ii. car. in dnio. p'. et m°. i. sep. iiii. car. hom. silva ad MCC. por. et XL. ac. pti. tc. et m°. i. r. semp. ii. an. et xiii. por. sep. xxxvi. cap. sep. xxvi. soc. de ii. car. tre. un. ht. iii. bord. sep. iii. car. et dim. et de uno stor. habuit R. Comes dim. de xxx. ac. re. et soca Stigandi, et quando R. se forisfecit habuit soc. et soca. et p'. R. Blund. ad censu. m°. W. de Noiers in censu de Torp. tc. val. xii. lib. et i. sext. mellis et ii. M. allec. p'. et mo xxx. lib. blancas. et ht. iii leug. in long. et i. leug. et iii. quar. in lat. et de gelto viii. d. et in eade. iii. soc. et dim. cum soca et saca de xxxii. ac. tre. et iiii. ac. pti. sep. intr. hoes. i. car. mo. tenet Goduin. Halden ex dono Comitis R. et hundret. testatr. s. pertinent in Torp. cu. consuet. adhuc CXL. ovs. sep. val. xxiiii. d.

[2] The grant of this King Henry I. is a curious piece of antiquity, beautifully wrote in Latin, made by him, as he declares, for his own soul, the souls of his father and mother, of King William, his brother, of all his ancestors and successours, in the presence of Queen Maud, daughter of the King of Scotland, and the illustrious men, eccleastical and secular, of all England, whose names are underwritten, that his gift may for ever remain; confirmed with the sign of the holy cross, and corroborated with the seal of his royal dignity, in the year of our Lord 1101, on the third, of the nones of September.

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Ego Henricus Rex donavi et firmavi †

Ego Regina Mahtilerd

Ego Rotbt. Dux Normannor. fr. Regis Henrici concessi, et hoc signo crucis confirmavi.

Nomina Archieporu. et Eporum. sub s. +
Ego Anselm. Archieps. Cantuar' s. +
Ego Gerard. Eborac. Archieps. s. +
Ego Gundulf. Rouecest. Eps. s. +
Ego Mauriti London. Eps. s. +
Ego Johs. Eps. Bathoniens. s. +
Ego Osb. Exoniens. Eps. s. +
Ego Rotbt. Cestrens. Eps. s. +
Ego Rotbt. Lincoliens. Eps. s. +
Ego Radulf. Cicestrens. Eps. s. +
Ego Samsson Wicrecest Eps. s. +
Ego Rannulf. Dunelm. Eps. s. +
Ego Johs. Tusculan. Eps. Legat. Papæ, s. +
Ego Tybius Camerarius Paschal. Pape, s.
Mense Septembri ordinatione beati Papæ Gregorii, apud Windesores confirmavit hæc Ds. qi. operatur omnia in Scis. cui Regis offert munera incipientes ab jerlm.

Nomina P'matu. et p ncipum. +
Ego Rotbt. Depontivo Comes, s. +
Ego Steph. Comes Britannie, s. +
Ego Rotbt. Comes de Metlent, s. +
Ego Eustach. Comes Bolonie, s. +
Ego Hynric. Comes de Warwic. s. +
Ego Symon Comes de Northampt. s. +
Ego Wills. Comes de Ullarenna, s. +
Ego Wills. Comes de Mauritan. s. +
Ego Rogs. Comes Pictaviens. s. +
Ego Eudo Dapifer. s. +
Ego Haym. Dapifer. s. +
Ego Wills. Pincerna, s. +
Ego Ricard. Deretuers, s. +
Ego Rotbt. fili. Harmonis, s. +
Ego Alanus Flaaldj fil. s. +
Ego Gisleb. fil. Ricardi, s. +
Ego Rotbt. Maleth. s. +
Ego Willm. Maleth. s. +
Ego Rogerius fil. Ricard. s. +

Nomina Abbatum et Clericor. †
Ego Gislebt. Abbas Westmonast. s. +
Ego Serlo Abbs. Glocestrens. s. +
Ego Hynric. Abbs. de Bello, s. +
Ego Steph. Abbs. Eboracensis, s. +
Ego Alduuin. Abbs. Ramesiens. s. +
Ego Odo Abbs. Cersiensis, s. +
Ego Ricard. Abb. Sci. Albanj, s. +
Ego Ricard Abb. de Heij, s. +
Ego Rogerus Cancellarius, s. +
Ego Everard. Cappell. s. +
Ego Roger Capell. s. +
Ego Rotbt. Peccat Cappell. s. +
Ego Thomas Cappell. s. +
Ego Unfrid Cappell. s. +
Ego Rotbt. Cappell. s. +
Ego Osbn. Capell. s. +
Ego Herbert. Regis Camerarius, s. +
Ego Waldric. Cappell. s. +
Ego Petrus Valoniensis, s. +
Ego Will. de Ullareluuast. s. +

to *Herbert* the Bp. and the monks of the church of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, and their successours for ever, with all its appertences, sac and soc, &c. in as ample a manor as he, or, &c. had ever enjoyed it.

The aforesaid King, by his mandate to *Roger Bigot*, *Ralph Passelew*, and all his barons, *French* and *English*, of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, commands, that *Herbert* the Bishop, and all the church aforesaid, should be free from all gelts and payments, as he himself held it;—witness, *Robert Malet* at *Hereford;* and by another mandate to *Roger Bigot*, and *R. Passelewe*, &c. commands, that this lordship, with its apperterance, should be free from all aid, scots, &c. as it was when held by him ;—witness *Robert* Bishop of *Lincoln*, dated at *Norwich*. And in a precept, dated at *Rohan* in *Normandy*, to his sheriffs, &c. of *Norfolk*, commands, that the Bishop have free warren here, and in *Eton*, and that no one should hunt, &c. herein, without his license on the forfeiture of 10*l*.—witness, the chancellor at *Rohan*.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the Bishop of *Norwich* claimed here, and in *Blofield*, a gallows, view of frank-pledge, assise, &c. and was part of his barony, which was held by 5 fees: in the 20th of *Edward* III. the Bishop paid 10*l*. for the said fees, on the King's son, being made a knight. In the see it remained till the exchange made between King *Henry* VIII. and Bishop *Rugg*, of lands, &c. belonging to this see, &c. which were granted to the Crown by act of parliament, on *Feb*. 4, *Ao*. 27, *Henry* VIII.—The town of *Blofield* was the head of the barony.

On this exchange, this lordship came to the Crown, with the advowson of the rectory, the Bishop's house, or palace here: and was confirmed on *Feb*. 4, in the 27th of *Henry* III. by act of parliament. By an indenture under the great seal of *England*, dated *Jan*. 1, *Ao*. 35th of *Henry* VIII. this manor was granted to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, for life, remainder to *Henry* Earl of *Surry*, his son and heir, and the lady *Frances*, his wife, during her life, and their heirs, to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and the rent of 3*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*. *per annum* except 10*s*. for the *reeve's* fee On the top of this grant was the King's mark, and signed underneath by the Duke of *Norfolk*, the Lord *Russel*, *Richard Southwell*, and *Walter Henby*, officers of the Court of Augmentation. *Earl Henry*, being afterwards attainted and executed, left *Thomas* his son and heir, who was Duke of *Norfolk* in Queen *Mary's* reign ; but being restored in blood only, and the Countess of *Surry* surrendering it in her widowhood to King *Edward* VI. the said King, on *June* 25, in his first year, granted it to Sir *Thomas Paston*, with the advowson, a fold-course, lands and tenements in this town, *Plumstede Magna* and *Parva*, &c. with the toll and profits of *Mawdelyn* ——, and *Thorp* wood, late the Bishop of *Norwich's*, to be held by the payment of 5*l*. 2*s*. 1*d*. *per annum;* and the said King gave to the Countess the lordship of *Earl's Soham* in *Suffolk*. *Edward Paston*,[3] son of Sir *Thomas*, was lord in 1571, and his grandson *Clement* was living in 1643, in which year *Nov*. 7, in a court at *Norwich*, *John Thacker*, *John Tooly*, *Adr. Parmenter*, &c justices, *L. Sherwood*, *William Symonds*, &c. alderman, it was agreed, that leave should be given to *William Kettleburgh* to buy of Mr. *Clement Paston* wood

[3] Clement married Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Compton of Brambleby in Sussex, Knt.

and timber at *Thorpe* wood, and grounds, in respect of the extreme scarcity of firing for the poor in this winter time; and the said *William Kettleburgh* hath undertaken to deliver to the poor of the city, ten thousand well-sized billets this winter, at 20*s. per* 1000; and 5000 two-band wood, in faggots, at 3*d. per* faggot; and the committee are content that he should pay the money, upon the bargain, to Mr. *Paston*, whose estate seems, at this time, to be sequestered.

From this, family, it came, by purchase to *Rowland Dee*, merchant of *London*, who presented as lord to this church in 1670; his son, *Duncan Dee*, Esq. inherited it, was serjeant at law, presented in 1706, and died *May* 30, 1720, but sold it, before his death, to *Matt. Howard*, Gent. of *Hackney*, in *Middlesex*; and, in 1742, *Matt. Howard*, Esq, was lord and patron.

The original grant of this manor, in 1728, was in *Matt. Howard*, and a copper-plate was engraven from it by Mr. *Sturt*.

THE PRIOR'S, NOW DEAN AND CHAPTER'S MANOR.

Bishop *Herbert*, lord of this town, by the grant of the manor abovementioned, on founding the priory at *Norwich*, gave the best part of it to the said convent, and kept the least part of it for himself and successours, which division he thought necessary; otherwise his frequent coming to *Norwich*, as he had no land there, would be very troublesome;[4] and he gave them for that part of *Thorp*, which he kept, the lordship of *Gnatyndon*, an hamlet of *Sedgeford*, with its foldcourses, the church of *Thornham*, with the land of *Thurston*, and a carucate of land at *Gaywood*, as appears from a pleading, in the 25th of *Henry* III.

In 1154, Pope *Adrian* the 4th by his bull, confirmed to the prior a moiety of *Thorp* wood, and all its profits, except the demean and right of hunting, which was in the Bishop; and, in 1156, he confirmed the heath, with all its wood, as Bishop *William Turbe* had granted it, there being a dispute between *John* of *Oxford*, the Bishop, and the priory, concerning a mill in *Thorp*, which was farmed of the Bishop at 20*s. per annum* the mill and ground were allowed to belong to the see, with the water-course:—Witnesses, *William de Len*, Mr. *Robert de Gloucester*, &c. in the 5th year of his pontificate.[5]

William de Raleigh, Bishop, and *Simon* the prior, agreed in 1236, that the part of *Thorp* wood, covered with oaks, should be divided into 2 equal parts, and that the part nearest to the manor-house of *Thorp* should be to the Bishop, and that the other part nearest to the Bishop's Bridge should be to the prior, saving to the Bishop his right in the said bridge; and that the heath should be divided into 3 parts; the Bishop to have 2 parts nearest to him, and the prior one part; and, for this agreement, the Bishop grants to the prior all his right in a moiety of *Plumstede*-wood; also free warren in the 3d part of the heath aforesaid: and if he had a desire to inclose and cultivate the same, he would assist, and support him in so doing; dated at *Geywode*, 8 calend. of *Nov.*——Witnesses, *Peter de Raleigh*, &c. by this grant of free warren, the prior had a manor, and so gave rise to, and

[4] Plita. Cor. Reg. Ret. 23.

[5] Reg. i. Norw. fol. 83. 55. 47.

was the original of, the prior's lordship, now called *Pockthorp*, and in the dean and chapter of *Norwich* at this time.

That the heath here was remarkable for plenty of timber and underwood, as appears from a *compotus* of *William de Kirkeby*, prior in 1283, wherein 37*s.* 4*d.* was received for underwood. In 1315, I find bark sold for 9*s.* 11*d.*—In 1335, in timber bark and faggots, received 6*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*

The heath was called *Mousehold;* and, besides sheeps-walks, here was a netherd for the great cattle, and a swanherd, who had 26*s.* 8*d.* *per annum* wages. In 1428, the temporalities of the priory were valued at 3*l.* 8*s* 2*d.* *per annum*, and was called the cellarer's manor; the lete of assise, &c. belonged to it.

On the dissolution of the priory, which was surrended to King *Henry* VIII. *April* 1, 1538, by *Will. Castleton*, prior, &c. on *May* 2, in the said year, the King new founded it for a dean, six prebendaries, &c. and appointed *Castleton* the first dean; and the dean and chapter of *Norwich* holds it at this time

The tenths, with *Pockthorp*, were 2*l.* 7*s.*—Deducted 7*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was valued at 8 marks: *Peter*-pence 10*d.* carvage 2*d.*—The present valor is 8*l.* and pays first fruits, &c. and is a rectory.

In the chancel lies a marble gravestone,

In memory of Mrs. Mary Chapman, relict of Samuel Capman, late rector. She founded the house called Bethell, in Norwich, for poor lunaticks, and died in 1724.

Thomas de Middleton was vicar, and presented (as said) about 1200 by the prior paying 8*s.* *per annum* to St. *Paul's* hospital in *Norwich*, or *Norman's Spittle.*—The cellarer of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe of the same value.

William de Raleigh, Bishop, granted to the prior and convent, and to the hospital of St. *Paul*, the 3d part of the tithe of his assart lands in *Thorp;* and the dean and chapter have a portion of tithe, valued at 10*s.*

RECTORS.

1303, *John de Nassington*, rector, collated by the Bishop.
1332, *Thomas Cook.* *Ditto.*
1339, *Thomas Dattiltoff.* *Ditto.*
1342, *Simon de Cley.*
1342, *John de Breydeston.*
1350, *Laur. de Lyttylton.*
Tho. Rery, rector
1396, *Nich. Fuller.*
1399, *Thomas Revell.*
1405, *John Cubet.*
1428, *John Benet.*
1433, *John Spurling,*
Richard Wheeler.
1445, *Robert Rogers.*

1476, *Robert Godfrey.*
1477, *Richard Foo.*
1508, *Stephen Thorp.*
1531, *Barth. Holf.*
1551, *John Brown,* by Sir *John Godsalve.*
1558, *John Barret,* D. D. and prebend of *Norwich,* by *William Godsalve,* Esq.
1558, *William Canvas. Ditto.*
1569, *Germ. Gardiner,* by the assigns of *William Godsalve,* Esq.
1586, *Robert Brook,* by the Queen.
1587, *Robert Garret. Ditto.*
1587, *Thomas Twaite,* by *Thomas Godsalve,* of *Buckenham Ferry.*
1607, *Robert Fielden,* by *Edward Paston,* Esq.
1642, *Robert Blofield,* by *Robert Blofield,* Gent. being under sequestration.
1670, *Samuel Chapman,* by *Rowland Dee,* of *London* merchant. This worthy rector left by his will to the minister of *Thorp,* for a sermon to be preached annually, on *January* 6, 13*s.* 4*d.*; to the parish clerk, 20*d.*; and to the poor in bread, 9*s.* 2*d.* with a salary for a school-master. He was also a benefactor to *Corpus Christi* college, *Cambridge:* gave to the 2 hospitals in *Norwich* 200*l.* to each, and to the augmentation of the church, of *Metfield* a donative in *Suffolk,* ordering his tenements, and copyhold lands there, to be sold, and (which came to above 520*l.*) to be laid out in freehold lands, with a convenient house for the use of the minister. He lies buried in the chancel of this church, under a black marble, thus inscribed;

Samuel Chapman, an humble admirer of grace and wisdom of God, in a crucified Jesus, fell asleep in that Jesus, the hope of glory, the resurrection of life, June 29, 1700.

1700, *Charles Cobb,* by *Robert Huntman,* Gent.
1706, *Thomas Tanner,* by *Duncan Dee,* Esq.; he was afterwards Bishop of St. *Asaph,* &c.
1731, *Edward Capper,* by the King.
1753, *Richard Humphrey,* rector, (on the death of Mr. *Capper,*) by *Thomas Vere,* Esq.

The perpetual advowson of this church was granted by *Richard* Bishop of *Norwich,* and confirmed by the prior and convent, to *Thomas Godsalve,* register of the diocese, and his heirs, on *May* 1, 1535.

In the church was the guild of St. *Andrew.*

Ralph de Beaufo had here at the survey a socman, whom he had invaded with all his customary dues, who held 8 acres of land, as he received it from *Eudo,* his precedecessor, valued at 17*d.*[6] this was afterwards joined to the Bishop's lordship.

In this town, and in *Limpenhoe, Rabel,* the carpenter, had invaded the lands; 20 freemen had a carucate of land, and 20 acres, and 7 acres of meadow; and there were 2 carucates valued at 10*s.* in King *Edward's* time, and 3 at the survey, valued at 11*s.* 6*d.* and *Rabel* had seized on it. This also soon after came into the Bishop's manor.[7]

[6] Invasiones. Rad. de Bellafago.—In Torp. i. soc. viii. ac. tre. omi. csuetud. ab. antec. suo Eudone, clam. hoc. et val. xviiid.

[7] Invasion.—In Torp et Lipeh. tenet Rabell. carpentarr. xx. libos. hoes. commendatione de i. car. tre. et xx. ac. et vii. ac. pti. tc. et p. ii. car. m°. iii. tc. val. x. sol. mo. xi. et vi.d.

On *Musholt*-heath,[8] about a mile from the hamlet of *Pockthorp*, to the north-east, was a chapel dedicated to St. *Catherine*, said to have been an ancient parochial chapel, about the time of the conquest, and afterwards rededicated to the honour of St. *William*, commonly called St. *William* in the Wood, from a boy that was crucified by the *Jews*, at *Norwich*, in 1137 ; a cell of monks belonging to *Norwich* priory being near to it, and was much frequented by pilgrims, but at the Dissolution was demolished.

Near to this was the chapel of the Translation of St. *Thomas* of *Becket*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*.—Here was also the chapel of St. *Michael*, which stood on the brow of the hill, on the north side of the road, just out of Bishop's-gate; its ruins being still visible, and commonly called *Kett's* (the rebel's) castle, and was founded by Bishop *Herbert*.

There was also a priory dedicated to St. *Leonard*, standing opposite to St. *Michael's* chapel, built by Bishop *Herbert*, as a cell to *Norwich* priory) now in ruins. At the Dissolution, it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* VIII. granted it to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk;* his son *Henry* Earl of *Surrey* built a sumptuous house on the site, where he lived, and was called *Mount-Surrey*, and *Surrey*-house. On his attainder, it came to the Crown ; and, in 1562, Queen *Elizabeth* granted it, with the prior's partible wood, to *Tho.* Duke of *Norfolk*, who having also forfeited it, King *James* I. conferred it, in 1702, on *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Suffolk*.

WITTON.

PART of this town is accounted for under the hundred of *Walsham*, and part under that of *Blofield ;* that in *Walsham* was granted to Earl *Ralph*, on the deprivation of 2 feeemen of *Gert*, who had 140 acres of land, 6 bordarers, and 10 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, valued at 15*s.* when Earl *Ralph* forfeited it. After this *Blond* had it, and, at the survey, *Ulchetel*, by the King's grant.[9]

Ralph Stalre had, before the conquest, 4 freemen, who held 60 acres of land, and 11 of meadow, with a carucate. On the conquest, it was seized on, and *Godrick* took care of it for the Conqueror ; the soc of them was in the King's hundred of *Blofield*, and they held it of the King at the survey.[1]

[8] Of this heath and places, see Blomefield's Hist. of Norf. vol. iv. p. 425.

[9] Terre. Ulchetelli.--In Witona. ten. ii. libi. hoes. Gert T. R. E. de CXL. ac. tre. sep. vi. bor. x. ac. pr i. tc. i. car. in dnio. mo. i. et dim. sep. i car. houm. sep. val. xv. sol. quando Rad. se forisfecit, ten. in manu. suâ, et p. Blond. et p. p. breve Regis fuit resaitus in manu Regis.

[1] Terra Regis qua. Godricus servat. --In Witona iiii. lib. hoes. de LX. ac. tre. et xi. ac. pti. sep. i. car. de istis e, soca in Hund. et reddit viiii. sol.

Ulchetel had also the lordships of *Rushworth* in *Gillcross* hundred, and of *Lerling* in *Shropham* hundred. *Ulchetel's* lordships came after to the Crown, and both of them so remained, but part of them was granted to the family of *de Vetula*, alias *de Veile*, by King *Henry* I. in the *Roll de Dominab;* in the custody of the King's Remembrancer, it appears, that *Richard de Veile* held considerable lands here, &c. and died before the 30th of *Henry* II. leaving *Roger* his son, and 5 daughters, in the custody of *Emma* his mother, daughter of *Guy de Botetort*, and *Thomas Basset* his uncle; *Emma*, aged 30 years, and *Roger* 6, &c. and that the land here was worth 60*s. per annum*. In the 2d of King *John*, *Roger de Veile* held it with *Fishley*, by the service of being the King's falconer. *Thomas de Veile* was lord in the 17th of *Henry* III. son of *Roger*, was afterwards a knight, and paid 25*s.* relief.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *John de Veile* was lord; and, in the 23d of that King, *John* his son had a messuage, 48 acres of land, 15*s.* and 7*d.* rent of assise, and died seized of it in that year, when it descended to *Reginald de Dunham*, son of *Beatrice*, sister of *John* his father; and, in the 31st of the same reign, *Reginald* was found to hold it by grand serjeanty, by keeping the King's hawks.

After this, *Peter Burskyn* was lord, in the 9th of *Edward* II. and in the 18th of *Edward* III. conveyed it to *Roger Hardegrey*, citizen of *Norwich;* and, in the 20th of that King, *Roger* held it by the fourth part of a fee, late *Downham's*, which *Reginald de Downham*, and *Beatrice* his wife, paid scutage for in the reign of *Edward* I.

Robert Letham, Esq. was lord and patron of the church in 1480; by his will, he gives his manor here, and advowson to *Margaret* his wife for life, remainder to *Robert* his 2d son, then in custody of *John Ratcliff* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, who dying a minor, it was in the following year sold by *Richard Southwell*, Esq. feoffee, and confirmed by *John Loveday*, Esq. executor of *Robert Letham*, to *James Hobart*, Esq. with a manor in *Plumstede:* he presented in 1508. *Miles*, his 2d son, was lord, and presented in 1531. In this family it remained till mortgaged by Sir *Miles Hobart*, Knt. about 1653, as in *Plumstede Parva*.

In 1700, *William Hewar*, Esq. was lord and patron, also one of the said name in 1742.

Nicholas le Boteler had a lordship in the reign of *Henry* III. which came to *Adam de Brancaster*, and *William de St. Clere*, in right of their wives, heirs to *Nicholas*. In 1272, *St. Clere* sold his part to *William de Heveningham*, and *Brancaster's* part was sold to *Guy Botetourt;* and Sir *Guy Botetort* was returned as a lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In the 7th of *Richard* II. license was granted to *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*, to alien to the nuns minoresses of *Brusyerd*, in *Suffolk*, the lordship of *Witton*, to pray for the soul of *Anne*, daughter of the said *Margaret*, deceased, late Countess of *Pembroke*, and for her own state whilst living, and her soul when deceased: but, in the 12th of the said King, another patent was granted to exchange for this manor, one messuage, 6 shops, with 200 acres of land in *Sauston*, *Badburgham*, and *Pampesworth*, in *Cambridgeshire:* in the said year a fine was levied between the aforesaid Countess of *Norfolk*, and *John Winterton*, and *Margaret* his wife, who conveyed to her a manor here.

There was also another considerable manor in the see of *Norwich*, held by the family of *De Breydeston*, lord of *Breydeston*, (which was also held of that see,) and extended into this town. From the *Bredestons* it came to the *Catestons*, or *Castons*, and from them to the *Carbonels*, as in *Breydeston*, &c. and the patronage of the church was in this manor.

The tenths were 1*l.* 14*s.*—Deducted 4*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Margaret;* was valued at 12 marks:—paid *Peter*-pence 12*d.*—Carvage, 2*d. ob.*—The present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

In 1321, *William de Ormesby* instituted, presented by the Lady *Joan*, relict of Sir *Robert Caston.*

1318, Mr. *Roger* the *Saham. Ditto.*

1321, *Robert de Stradeset*, by *John de Caston.*

1323, *Ralph de Caston*, by Sir *John de Caston.*

1349, Mr. *Richard de Blofield*, by Mr. *Robert de Cleydon*, and *Salom*, rector of *Caston.*

1349, *William Dun*, by *Sal.* rector of *Caston.*

1389, *William Atte Cross de Spalding*, by Lady *Catherine*, relict of Sir *John de Caston.*

1391, *Walter Russell. Ditto.*

1401, *Nicholas Stradeset*, by the Bishop, in right of his manor of *Breydeston*, *John Carbonell*, son and heir of Sir *Robert Carbonel*, and *Margaret* his wife, being a minor.

1405, *Maurice Atte Howe*, by *John Carbonel.*

1418, *John Scambylby*, by Sir *John Carbonel*, and *Margery* his wife.

1426, *Robert Walter*, by Lady *Margery, Carbonel.*

1475, *John Hewyck*, by *Robert Letham.*

1498, *Edward Dixson*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq. and *John Walter.*

1508, *John Bleyk*, by Sir *James Hobart.*

1516, *James Stuard*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1531, *Arnold Wytton*, by *Miles Hubberd*, Esq.

1556, *William Moore. Ditto.*

1559, *Ad. Barker*, by *Thomas Hobard*, Esq.

1572, *Edmund Bishop*, A. M. by *William Blennerhasset*, Esq. and Lady *Etheld. Warner.*

1580, *Edward Fisher.*

1591, *Edmund Bentley*, by *Henry Hubbard*, Esq. assignee of *Miles Hubbard*, Esq.

1613, *Ralph Barlow.*

1627, *Richard Pierson*, by Sir *Miles Hubbard.*

1663, *Henry Pierson*, by *Fran. Cory*, Esq.

1700, *John Russell*, by *William Hewar*, Esq.

1723, *John Morrant*, by *Hewar Edgely Hewer*, Esq.

1723, *John Russell*, junior. *Ditto.*

1745, *Norwood Sparrow*, by *William Blackbourn*, Esq. and *Ann Jackson*, widow.

In the church was the guild of St. *Margaret.*

John Dade of *Witton,* by his will dated in 1505, was buried in this church; orders, "That the old roofe of this church be taken down, "the walls helped, and a new roof to be made after the patern of "*Little Plumstede;* and because I am not able to lede it, I wyll, that "it be redid and made at my coste."[2]

Besides the towns here mentioned, there was, as appears from the book of *Domesday,* a town called *Mora,* in this hundred, granted, on the deprivation of *Siricius,* a freeman, to *Rabel* the artificer, containing at the conquest 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, 4 servi, a carucate and a half in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, and 10 acres of meadow, &c. one saltwork, &c. valued at 40*s.* was 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, &c. and the soc and sac was in the King.[3]

Where this town stood is at this time unknown, probably the lands belonging to it are not included in *Limpenho* and *Thorp,* where *Rabel* held also lands, as will there appear; also lord of *Filby* in *East-Flegg* hundred.

[2] Regist. Rix, fol. 314.

[3] Terre Rabelli artificis.——In Mora ten. Siric'. i. lib. ho. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. tc. viii. vill. p' et m°. v. tc. iiii. ser. p' et m°. ii. tc. i. car. et dim. p' et m°. ii. in dnio. sep. dim. car. houm. et x. ac. pti. m°. i. r. semp. iii. an. tc. iii. p' et m°. xii. m°. c. ov. et i. sal. tc. val. XL. sol. p' XXX. m°. XL. et ht. viii. qr. de longo, et v. de lato, et de gelto xx. sol. et soca et saca e Regis et Comit.

CLACKCLOSE HUNDRED AND HALF.

LIES on the western part of the county of *Norfolk*, and adjoins to the isle of *Ely*. The *Saxon* king *Edgar* gave the lordship of it to the abbey of *Ramsey*, in *Huntingdonshire*, with 60 socmen in the towns of *Wimbotsham*, *Hilgey*, *Downham*, and its market, at the request of *Oswald*, a monk, who lived with him; and at the grand survey, made by King *William* I. we learn, that the aforesaid abbey had 70*s. per ann.* issuing out of the profits of the soc, or lordships of it.[1]

Soca hundr. *et dim. de Clakeslosa habt. Scs. Ben.* (that is, St. *Bennet's* abbey of *Ramsey*) LXX. *sol.*—*Domesday Book.*

Sir *Henry Spelman* observes, that there were 60 monks in that convent, so that every monk had his socman to maintain him, and that there were 4 other socmen to maintain the abbot.[2] Many and great were their privileges; in the 4th of King *John*, they were confirmed, as they had been by King *Henry* I. with the same liberties and pleas that belonged to the Crown.[3]

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury find, that it was valued, together with the lordships of *Wimbotsham*, *Hilgey*, and the Market of *Dunham*, at 10 marks *per ann.* and that the abbot had the taking out, and the return of all writs, &c. view of frankpledge, forfeitures, felons goods, the lete, a gallows, and a prison belonging to it; and that *Roger Giffard* was then the abbot's bailiff, together with *Richard de Odiam*, &c. The prison for it was at *Wimbotsham;* and in the 41st of *Henry* III. *William Briton*, the King's justice, by the King's writ made a gaol delivery of many robbers, &c. taken within and without the abbot's liberty,[4] and before this, in 1249, *Robert de Benemere* appears to be the abbot's coroner.

The abbot, in the 18th of *Edward* I. had a power of distraining for amerciaments in his hundred court, and before the King's justices itinerant; and, in his 22d year, there was an agreement between *William de Luda* Bishop of *Ely*, and *John de Sautry*, Abbot of *Ramsey*, that the Bishop should have his court baron of his tenants in this hundred.

The hundred court, and sheriffs turn, was then held at *Clackclose-*

[1] Monast. Angl. vol. i. p. 231.—vol. ii. p. 869, &c.
[2] Icenia.
[3] Pat. Ao. 4. Johs. Rot. 10.——Rot. Hundr. de Clackl. 3°. Ed. I. in Curia Recept. Sccij.
[4] Plita Coron. 41. Hen. III. Rot. 12.

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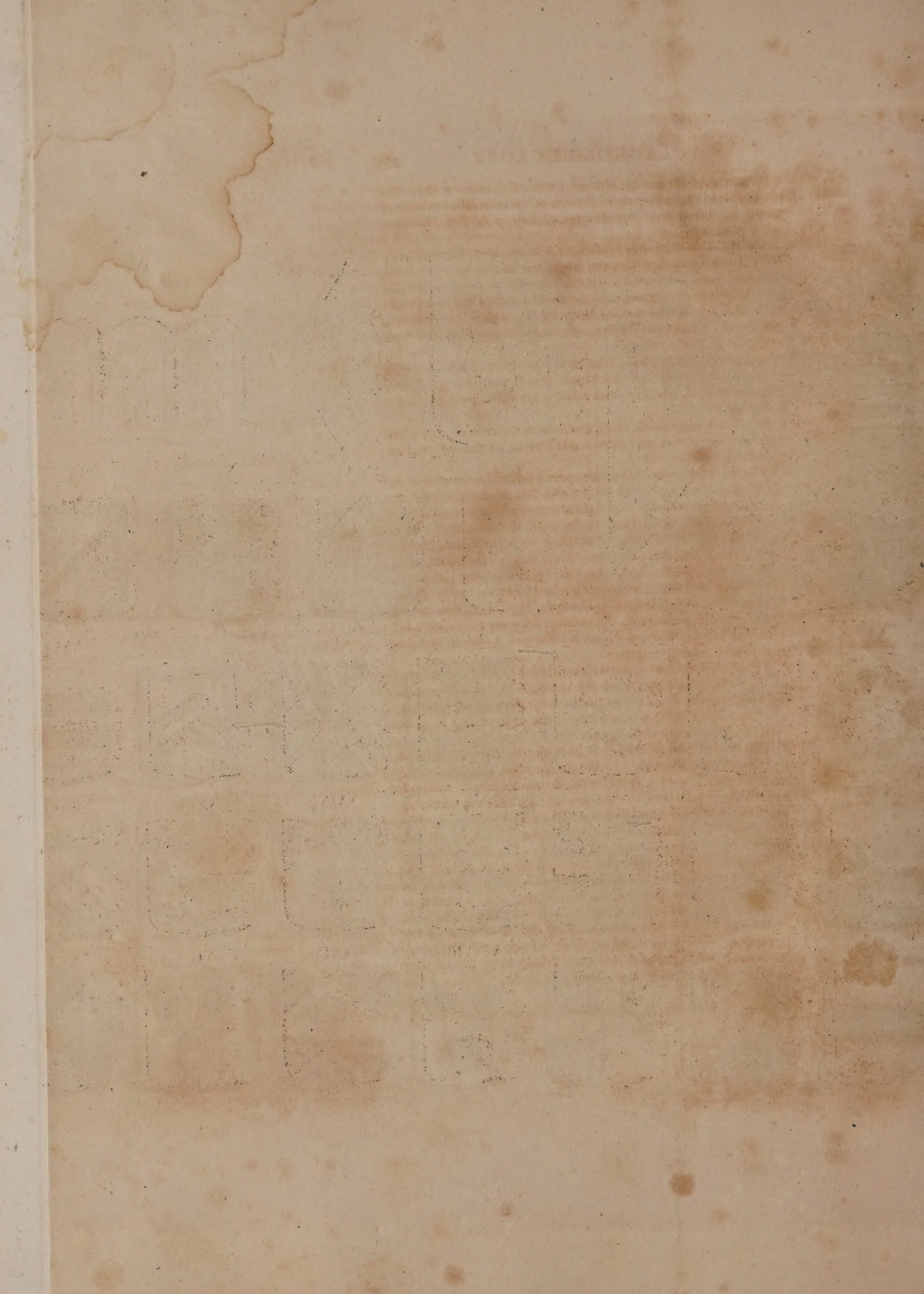


hill, on the common of *Stradset*, and all lords of manors within the liberty, their tenants, and all men of considerable estates were suitors to it, excepting the tenants of the Bishop of *Ely*, abbot of *Derham*, prior of *Shouldham*, &c.

On the Dissolution of religious houses, in the reign of King *Henry* VIII. it came to the Crown, when the hundred was separated from the half hundred; and on *October* 14, in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, the hundred was granted to *Edward* Lord *North*, and soon after was purchased by Sir *Nicholas Hare*; on his death, *October* 30, in the 3d and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *Michael* his son and heir had livery of it.

At an inquisition taken in 1637, on the death of Sir *John Hare*, it was valued at 45*l. per ann.* and his descendant, Sir *George Hare*, Bart. was lord, who appoints his own bailiff, steward, and coroner, and died in 1764.

Several grants from the Crown have confirmed it, with all its rights and privileges to this family, and one in particular, in the 2d year of King *James* I. to Sir *Ralph Hare*.

The half hundred being separated from the hundred, and vested in the Crown, was granted on *March* 2d, in the 7th of *Edward* VI. to *John Dudley* Duke of *Northumberland*, who conveyed it the next day to *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. of *Outwell*, to be held of the King in soccage, as part of the manor of *East Greenwich* in *Kent*; and, by the marriage of *Dorothy*, daughter and heir of *Edmund*, by his 2d wife, came to Sir *Robert Bell*, lord chief baron of the Exchequer, who was killed by a pestilent fume or vapour at *Oxford* assises in 1577, whose descendants enjoyed it till *Beaupre Bell*, Esq. on his death, about 1741, gave it, by will, to *Elizabeth*, his youngest sister, who, in 1742, was married to *William Greaves*, Esq. of *Fulburn* in *Cambridgeshire*, and is now lord in her right.

This half hundred extends itself into the isle of *Ely*, and great level of the fens, *Well* stream, or river, running through the towns of *Upwell* and *Outwell*, seems to be the boundary of the county of *Norfolk*, and the isle of *Ely*; the south side, or part, of the river being in *Norfolk*, and the north side in the isle.

The boundaries of this half hundred to the north, where it joined to the isle of *Ely*, (which belonged to the bishops of *Ely*,) were, in ancient days, well known, and remain upon record; but, through great length of time, the names of the places, and rivers, growing obsolete, and being much changed and altered by new drains, &c. by the adventurers on their draining, are at this time, it is to be feared, in a great measure unknown.

These boundaries were settled in the reign of *Richard* I. and appear in a register of the abbey of *Ramsey*, &c.[5]—There have also been disputes and law-suits about the rights, privileges, and boundaries between the lords of the hundred and of the half hundred in the last century. On the 8th of *December*, in the 36th of King *Charles* II a robbery being committed near *Shouldham Thorp* and *Stradset*, the townships of *Upwell* and *Outwell* refusing to pay their proportion as charged, a suit of law commenced, they pretending to be in the

[5] Regist. Abbat. de Ramsey, penes Hearne's edit. of Sprott's Chron. p. 207. Dom. Geo. Hare, Bart.—and Mr.

liberty of the half hundred; but, on a full hearing, it was decreed by Sir *Robert Atkins*, lord chief baron, on *July* 9, in the 2d of *William* and *Mary*, that they should forthwith pay their shares, being members and parts of the said hundred.

In *Domesday Book*, this hundred and a half is wrote *Clachelosa*, *Clacheslosa*, and *Clakeslosa*, and is a compound of these three words, *Cla* or *Claia*, *Chess* or *Kess*, and *Losa*; *Cla* or *Claia*, and *Cley*, betokens a place surcharged with water, as *Cley* in *Norfolk*, by the sea, *Clare* in *Suffolk*, *Clavering* in *Essex*, &c.—*Ches*, or *Kess*, is a place seated near some river, as *Cheswick*, or *Keswick* in *Norfolk* and in *Middlesex*, *Clacheston* in *Norfolk*, *Chesham* in *Bucks*.—*Losa* sets forth its site, *Le Ouse*, on the river *Ouse*.

BARTON.

LOVEL'S MANOR.

Called *Bertun* by the *Saxons*, from its site by the hills; thus *Barley* in *Hertfordshire*, *Barton* in *Suffolk*, &c. *Bergh* or *Bar* signifying a hill. At the grand survey, made by King *William* I. in the year 1085, it was possessed by three great lords; one of these, *Hermerus de Ferers*, or *De Ferrers*, was lord of this manor, by a grant of the Conqueror, on the deprivation of *Turchetel*. *William* was enfeoffed of it under *Hermerus*. In *Turchetel's* time, it consisted of 2 carucates of land, 5 villains, 3 bordarers, 3 servi, one only at the survey; there were always 4 acres of wood, and 20 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants; at the survey but one, 3 cows, and 4 runci, (horses for draught,) &c.—thirty sheep; at the survey, 61; a church endowed with 12 acres, and was valued at 60*s*. *per ann*.[6] There also belonged to it 7 freemen, who held a carucate and an half, with 30 acres of land, but folded in the lord's fold, and were only under commendation or protection.

Hermerus had invaded, or seized on, the land of a freeman, who had half a carucate, and 12 acres, valued at 3*s*. *per ann*. which *William* aforesaid held under *Hermerus*, and was by that freeman held only by commendation, before this seizure:—also on the land of a free-

[6] Terr. Hermeri de Ferer.—In Bertuna ten. Wills. ii. car. terre qua. tenuit Turchetil lib. ho semp. v. vill. et iii. bord. tc. iii. serv. m°. i. semp. iiii. acr. silv. et xx. acr. p'ti. semp. ii. car. in dominio tc. ii. car. homin. m°. i. semp. iii. an. m°. iiii. runc. tc. xxx. oves. m°. lxi. i. eccles. xii. acr. tc. v. porc. m°. xv. semp. val. lx. sol. huic maner°. semp. jacent vii. libi. hoes. ad socam de folda, et commendatione tantu. qui hab. xxx. acr. terre semp i. car. et dim.

Invasiones Hermeri.—In B'tuna. i. lib. ho. xii. ac. que ten. W. de Hermero semp. dim. car. val. iii. sol. n. habuit Antec. ni. com'datione.——In ead. i. lib. ho. com'dat. tantu. antecessori suo lx. ac. semp. i. bor. dim. car. viii. ac. pti. val. ii. sol. et viii *d*. — *Domesday Book*.

man, who had 60 acres, with a bordarer, and half a carucate, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 2*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

Turchetil was a *Saxon* thane, or nobleman, held many lordships in this hundred and county, most of which were granted to *Hermerus.*—*William*, who held it of him, was probably ancestor of the family of *De Wormegey*, which was also a lordship of *Hermerus:* he is styled a freeman. *Godwin*, father of King *Harold*, and his sons, are thus also called in the grand survey.

In the book of *Domesday*, we frequently meet with the word *commendatio. Romulus*, the first King of *Rome*, placed the *Plebeians* (as a trust) in the hands of the *Patricians*, allowing every *Plebeian* the liberty to choose any *Patrician* he thought proper for his patron. *Terence*, in his play called the *Eunuch*, says,—*Thais patri se commendavit in clientenam, et fidem nobis se dedit.*—It is probable, the *Britons* learned this of the *Romans*, and so came to the *Saxons.*

Another thing to be observed here is, that great *Norman* lords at the conquest, frequently invaded, or seized on the lands of many freemen and *Saxon* lords, without any authority or grant from the Conqueror, by force and violence.

About the reign of King Stephen, a family who assumed their name from the great *Saxon* dike, lying at the east end of this township, cast up (as it is said) as a boundary to this hundred, and called *De Bendish*, held it of the honour of *Wirmegay*, in this hundred, of the heirs of *Hermerus*, as may be there seen: the daughter of this family was married to *Thomas Lovell*, in the reign of King *Richard* I.

This family claim their descent from the Earls of *Iberi* in *France. Andrew Lovell* was living in the reign of *Henry* II. and father of *Thomas*, who married ————, the daughter and heiress of *John Bendish* aforesaid, who was with that king in the wars of the Holy Land, and had the King's protection for his lands.—*William Luvell* held one knight's fee here in the time of *Henry* III. and in the 54th of that King, *John de Luvell* was living, attended Prince *Edward* into the Holy Land, and had the King's protection, &c. lord here, and held lands in *Boketon, Bitcham-Well*, and *Mateshale.*[7]—*John Lovell*, son of *John*, died in the 2d of *Edward* III. seized of this manor, with the advowson of the church of St. *Mary*, a windmill, &c. held of the honour of *Wirmegay. William Lovell* was living in the 31st of *Edward* III. and father of *Thomas*, living in the reign of King *Richard* II. &c. and by the name of *Thomas Lovell*, senior, of *Barton Bendish*, dates his testament, *August* 16, 1421;[8] to be buried in St. *Mary's* church of *Barton*; to *William* his son, all his stuff in this manor of *Wanford*, to every of his daughters 100 marks portion. *Alice* his wife, *Thomas* his son, *William Narburg*, junior, *Richard Baret* of *Hecham*, and *William* his son, executors. His last will is also of the same date, whereby he wills all his manors, lands, tenements, &c. in *Barton Bendysh, Buketon, Fyncham, Bycham-Well* and *Mateshale Bergh*, to remain in his feoffees hands till his debts were paid. *Alice* his wife to have a rent-charge of 20 marks yearly, issuing out of his lands in the towns aforesaid, which descended to him from his father *William.*—*Thomas* his son, and the heirs male of his body, to have those manors; but *Alice*,

[7] Testa de Nevill.——Pat. 54 Hen. III.

[8] Regist. Hurning Norw. pt. 2, Fol. 84. B.

his daughter, a rent of 10*l.* yearly; *Beatrix*, his daughter, a like rent thereout; remainder to *Nicholas*, brother of *Thomas*, remainder to *Ralph*, remainder to *William*, remainder to *John*, all his sons, remainder to his own heirs: *William* his son to have the manor of *Wangford*. He had lands also at *Cley*, by *Swaffham*, which he gives to *John*, with like remainders. *Nicholas* his son to have his purchased lands in *Fincham*, with those in *Wretton*, *Stoke* and *Wyrham*; lands, called *Colles* and *Collyngtons*, in *Buketon*; lands in *Denver*, *Riston* and *Roxham*; his manor in *Tyrington*, after several pious uses performed to God, to *Nicholas* his son in tail. Proved *September* 10 following.

This *Thomas* is said to have married, first, *Joan*, daughter and heir of *Robert Muswell*, or *Mosell*; and his 2d wife was *Alice*: King *Richard*, in his 9th year, exempted him from serving on any jury, or as an eschaetor, coroner, &c.

Thomas Lovell, Esq. son and heir of *Thomas*, by his first wife *Joan*, left *Thomas* his son, by *Cecilia* his wife, daughter of ——— *Orrell*; who by his deed, dated *November* 1, in the 28th of *Henry* VI. grants to *Cecilia* his mother, of *Chesterton* in *Cambridgeshire*, all his manors and lands aforesaid, with the advowson of St. *Mary's* church in *Barton*, and that of the chapel of St. *Mary* in *Eastmore*;[9] and *Ralph Lovell* of *Beecham-Well*, *William Lovell* of *Chesterton*, and *John Lovell* of *Berton*, released all their rights in the said manors, held by *Thomas Lovell* of *Berton*, late deceased, to the said *Thomas* and *Anne* his wife, for the life of the said *Thomas* and *Anne*. By this deed, it evidently appears, that this *Thomas* was not the son of *Joan*, as is represented in certain pedigrees; and it further appears, that *Nicholas* his uncle was not living at this time. This *Thomas Lovell* married *Anne*, daughter of *Robert Tappes*, alderman of *Norwich*, and merchant. *Robert Tappees*, in the reign of *Edward* IV. gives to *Anne Lovell*, his sister, and to his nephew, *Gregory Lovell*, her son, a manor in *Melton Parva*. The said *Thomas*, and his father, *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. presented several times to the church of St. *Mary*, from the year 1422, to the year 1463. In the 13th of *Edward* IV. a fine was levied, wherein this *Thomas*, and *Anne* his wife, convey to Sir *Thomas Brews*, *William Yelverton*, junior, Esq. &c. all his interest in this town, from the heirs of the said *Anne*; and died, as I take it, soon after, without issue.

In the year 1474, *Gregory Lovell*, Esq. presented to St. *Mary's* church, as lord of this manor; he was son and heir of Sir *Ralph Lovell* (as he is styled) brother of *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. aforesaid, lord of *Well-Hall* manor, of *Beacham-Well*, and patron of the church of St. *John's* in that town, to which he presented 5 times by the name of *Ralph Lovell*, Esq. the last presentation being in 1475, and died soon after. By *Joan* his wife, he was father of 3 of the most eminent knights in that time; Sir *Gregory*, the first son; Sir *Robert*, the 2d, was created a knight at *Blackheath* field, in 1497; Sir *Thomas*, the 3d, was Knight banneret, Knight of the Garter, chancellor of the Exchequer, president of the council, &c.; *Gregory*, the eldest, was also a knight, and presented to this church in 1496.

He married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *William Brandon*, aunt to *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, and was father of *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. who presented as lord in 1510; and in 1518, then a knight; by

[9] Int. Evident. Dni. Geor. Hare, et Johs. Dethick, Armig.

Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Woodhouse* of *Kimberley*, had *Thomas* his son, and a daughter *Margaret*, the wife of *John Karsey* of *Reresby* in *Lincolnshire*, Gent. This *Thomas* dying before his father, without issue by his wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Dethick*, Esq. of *Wirmegay*, Sir *Thomas Lovell* conveyed it to *Thomas Mono*, whose son, in the reign of that Queen, sold it to *John Dethick*, who presented to the church of St. *Mary* in 1588, and *Edmund Dethick* presented in 1562, and in 1571; *Edmund Audley*, Esq. and *Edward Dethick*, Gent. guardians of *Christopher Dethick*. *Christopher* passed it to *Franc. Woodhouse*, Esq. in the 16th of Queen *Elizabeth*, who, in the 21st of the said reign, conveyed it to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. serjeant at law, afterwards lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, who died possessed of it. By the marriage of *Frances* his grand-daughter, it came to *Robert Rich* Earl of *Warwick*, and so to Sir *Thomas Cheek*, who, in the 17th of King *James* I. conveyed it to Sir *Ralph Hare* of *Stow Bardolf*; and, on the 10th of *October*, in the 17th of King *Charles* II. was sold by Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart. to Sir *Richard Berney*, Bart. in which family it remains; Sir *Hanson Berney* of *Kirby Bedon*, Bart being the present lord.

BRANCASTER HALL.

The ancient family of *Brancaster* gave name to it; *Robert de Brancaster* was living, and lord, in the reign of *Henry* II.[1]

Bartholomew, son of *Peter de Brancaster*, gave by deed, *sans* date, (with his body,) the chapel of St. *John Baptist*, in *Barton Eastmore*, to the abbey of *West Dereham*, and *Adam*, son of *Thomas de Brancaster*, by deed, *s. d.* gave to *Adam de Fincham*, and *Annabel* his wife, one messuage, with the appertenances in *Berton*, called *Brancaster Hall* crofts, and 5*s.* rent *per ann.* of free tenants; 2 villains, with all their goods and chattels, with 2 acres of land, all the homages, wards, escheats, &c. of the free tenants.

John, son of *Adam de Brancaster*, by deed, on *Thursday* after the Decollation of St. *John Baptist*, in the 17th of *Edward* II. released to *Adam*, son of *Thomas de Brancaster*, all his right in land, rent, the moiety of a messuage, and *Christiana*, late wife of *Thomas*, in the said year, quit-claimed to *Adam* her son, all her right therein.

John Fincham and *John Codington* were found, by an inquisition, to hold in the 3d of *Henry* IV. one fee of the honour of *Wirmegay*; in the family of *Fincham*, (of whom see in *Fincham*,) it remained till *William Fincham*, Esq. in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to *Thomas Heigham*, Gent. and he to *Edmund Guybon* and *John Mundeford*, Gents. in the 32d of that Queen; and after came to serjeant *Gawdy*, and so to the *Berneys*, as in *Lovell* manor.

CURPELL, AND HERN HALL.

Roger Curpel was lord, and held half a fee here in the reign of *Henry* III. of the honour of *Wirmegay*, and left 4 daughters and coheirs: it came to the *Caustons*, and after to *Nicholas de Massingham*, who kept a

[1] See in Brancaster.

court here, in the 9th of *Richard* II. and then to the *Lovels*. Sir *Thomas Lovell* sold it in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Monox*, Esq. of *Walthamstow* in *Essex*. He died seized of it, *Ao.* 38. 300 acres of land, a messuage, called *Grymes*, 60 acres at *Eastmore*, a close, called *Old Hern Hall*, &c. held by the 4th part of a fee; soon after united to *Lovel's* manor, passed with it, and is in Sir *Hans. Berney*, Bart.

EAST-HALL.

One moiety of this was in the *Lovels*, the other in the *Finchams*, in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. held of the aforesaid honour. Sir *Thomas Lovell*, in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. conveyed it to *Robert Trapps*, goldsmith of *London*, and *Trapps* to Sir *Roger Townsend*, with *Littlemore Close*, in the 36th of that King; and *Townsend* to *John Dethick*, Esq. *Christopher Dethick* to *Francis Woodhouse*, Esq. in the 16th of *Elizabeth*, who, in the 21st of that Queen, sold it to Serjeant *Gawdy*, so was united to *Lovel's* manor, &c.

John Fincham, Esq. died possessed of a moiety, *Ao.* 33d of *Henry* VIII. and *William Fincham*, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *John Higham*, and so came to *Gawdy*, &c.

SNORE-HALL.

Michael de Snore held it in the reign of *Edward* I. *John Atte Snore* was lord in the 6th of *Edward* III. and witness to a deed in the 9th of *Richard* II. *Robert Atte Snore* kept his court at *Snore Hall* in *Eastmore*, on the feast of St. *Peter ad Vincula*.—*Ralph Atte Snore*, in the 14th of *Edward* III. was found to hold a messuage, 60 acres of land of the Lord *Bardolf*, and 39 acres of the abbot of *West Derham*, paying him 22*s. per ann.* and the rest of *John de Fincham*. This also came to *Gawdy*, and so to the *Berneys*.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, had a grant of the principal manor, and part of this town from the Conqueror, on the deprivation of *Chetil*, a freeman, lord in King *Edward's* reign;[2] this consisted then of one carucate of land, 4 villains, 2 bordarers, 20 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in domain, and one among the tenants, valued at 40*s.* at the survey at 30*s.* It was one leuca long, half a leuca broad, and 3 furlongs; and

[2] Terr. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.——In Bertuna ten. Chetil. lib. ho T. R. E. i. car. tre. semp. iiii. vill. et ii. bor. et xx. ac p'ti tc. ii. car. in dnio. p' nulla m°. i. sep. i. car. houm. tc. val. XL. sol. p' m°. xxx. sol. totu. hoc maner. hab. i. leug. in longo, in lato dim. leug. et iii. qr. anten. quando tot. hundr. reddit xx. sol. de gelto, tota hæc villa xvi *d.*

In ead. villa iii. tre. ten Turchillus i. lib. ho. T. R. E. sep. vi. vill. et. v. bor. tc. et p' v. s. m°. ii. xx. ac. pti. tc. iii. car. in dnio. p'. nulla m°. ii. sep. i. car. hou. et LX. oves. et vii. Jacent huic man°. v. libi. hoes. ad socam tant. et hab. xxx. ac. tre. tc. i. car. m° dim. et viii. ac. p'ti. et iiii. ac. silve. Tot. val. x *l.* p' LX. sol. m°. LXXXV. et v. lib. hoes. XLII. sol. et viii. *d.*—In Bertuna vi. car. tre. Toli lib. ho. T. R. E. tc. vi. vill. et p'. m°. vii. sep. v. bor. tc. v. s. m°. ii. xii. ac. p'ti. sep. ii. car. in dnio· tc. et p' i. car. houm. m°. dim. Huic Manerio jacent v. lib. hoes. ad socam tantu. comd. et ii. de om'i. consuetudine. Illi v. habt. i. car. et xii. acr. p'ti. et villi. ii. vi. acr. tre. in dnio. qu. rec. LX. oves. et mo. tc. xi. por. mo. xv. tc. tot. val. LXXX. sol. p' et mo. LX, sol. et v. homines val. x. sol.

when the whole hundred paid 20*s.* gelt, this whole village of *Barton* paid 16*d.*

The said *Rainald* had also the lordship granted to him, which *Turchill* (or *Turchetil*) was deprived of, containing 3 carucates of land, 6 villains, 5 bordarers, 3 servi, &c. &c. 20 acres of meadow, with 3 carucates in domain, &c. one carucate among the tenants, and 67 sheep; and to this manor belonged 5 freemen to the soc only, with 30 acres of land, a carucate of meadow, and 4 acres of wood, valued in the whole at 10*l.* in King *Edward's* reign, after at 60*s.* at the survey 85*s.* and what the 5 freemen held, at 42*s.* and 8*d. per ann.*

Rainald had also a grant of a manor, of which *Toli*, a freeman, was deprived, who had 6 villains, &c. 5 bordarers, 5 servi, and 12 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in domain, &c. one of the tenants, &c. Five freemen belonged to the soc only, and under the lord's protection, and 2 paid all customary dues. These five had a carucate and 12 acres of meadow; 2 villains had 6 acres of the domain land; when he had the grant, there were 60 sheep, &c. 11 swine, &c. the whole valued at 80*s.* after at 60*s.* and what the 5 freemen had at 10*s.*

These tenures possessed by *Rainald*, came to the Earls of *Clare*, and constituted several lordships.

SCALES-MANOR.

The Lord *Scales* held this of the Earl of *Clare*, in the reign of *Henry* III. *Robert* Lord *Scales* was found then to have one fee; and, in the 3d of *Edward* I. that a gallows at *Mickledick*, between *Barton* and *Bicham-Well*, belonged to it, and was valued, in the 33d of *Edward* III. at 10*l.* 19*s.* 3*d. per ann.* By the marriage of *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, it came to *Anth. Woodvile* Earl *Rivers*, who enjoyed it in the 4th of *Edward* IV. This lady dying without issue, it descended to *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Howard* by *Joan* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Richard Walton*, relict of *John* Earl of *Oxford*, who was beheaded, *Ao.* 1 of *Edward* IV. and, on her decease, was granted by King *Richard* III. on *February* 1, *Ao.* 2, to *John* Duke of *Norfolk*.

On the accession of King *Henry* VII. it was restored to *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford* and Lord *Scales*, who dying *s. p.* it fell to two of his sisters share; *Dorothy*, wife of *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, and *Elizabeth*, wife of Sir *Ant. Wingfield*; the *Wingfields* being after possessed of the whole, Sir *Robert Wingfield* and his son *Anth.* on *May* 16. *Ao.* 33. *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to Serjeant *Gawdy*, and so came (as is above observed) to the present lord, Sir *Hans. Berney*, Bart.

OVERHALL AND NETHERHALL.

William de Berton held, in the 3d of *Edward* I. the 4th part of a fee; and in the 8th of *Edward* II. their heirs of the honour of *Clare*. The *Lovells* afterwards possessed it, and *Thomas Monox* died seized of these manors, held of the King, as of the honour of *Clare*, by knights service, *Ao.* 30 *Henry* VIII. and *Geo. Monox*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed them to *JohnDethick*, Esq.; his grandson, *Christopher*, sold

them to *Franc. Woodhouse* of *Beccles*, Esq. and he to Serjeant *Gaudy*, and so united came to the *Berneys*.

DERHAM ABBOT's MANOR.

The abbot was possessed of this, as appears in the 19th of *Edward* I. In the 12th year of *Edward* II. *Richard Rigge*, and *Emma* his wife, gave (and it was settled by fine) 38 acres of land, and 5 of meadow to it, held of the Lord *Scales*. In the 1st year of *Henry* VII. *Thomas Lovel*, Esq. held it of the abbot, paying certain rents. The site of it was at *Eastmore*, a hamlet in this parish. At the general dissolution, it was found leased to *John Dethick*, Esq. by *Roger Firman*, the last abbot, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. for 60 years; on the expiration of it, was granted to *Thomas Jones*, by Queen *Elizabeth*, *Aug.* 15, *Ao.* 9, in consideration of his great charges in maintaining two ships well armed for some time for her service, paying 8*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to the Crown *per ann.* This *Jones* was a burgess of King's *Lynn*. *Robert Cecil* Earl of *Salisbury* held of it, and conveyed it to Sir *John Rous*, and *Nathaniel Rich*, Esqrs. and so came to *Robert Rich* Earl of *Warwick*, and to the *Berneys*.

Temporalities of this abbey, with *Winwaloy* priory, were valued, in 1428, at 11*l.* 11*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

BROMHILL PRIORY MANOR.

I find the prior to hold it in 1270; in that year, *Richard de Longden* gave 6 marks, and a fenn to *Eastmore*. In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Cecilia*, wife of *John de Rungton*, gave lands in *Berton*. It was suppressed, before the general dissolution, by a bull of Pope *Clement* VII. dated *May* 14, 1528, and granted by King *Henry* VIII. to Cardinal *Wolsey* on *December* 30th following, with all the messuages, lands, &c. in *Berton* and *Eastmore*; soon after, on that Cardinal's *præmunire* and attainder, was given *January* 2, *Ao.* 28 of the said King, to *Christ* college in *Cambridge*, and so remains.

In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 39*s.* and 6*d. per ann.*

BARTON BURIAL MANOR.

Was part of the possessions of *Heringby* college, in *Flegg* hundred, *Norfolk*; on its dissolution, was granted *April* 18, *Ao.* 36 *Henry* VIII. to Sir *William Woodehouse*, who alienated it, *Ao.* 2 *Edward* VI. to *August. Steward*, who sold it, *Ao.* 2 *Elizabeth*, to *Robert Wood*, alderman of *Norwich*, who passed it in the 10th of that Queen to *John Gerard*. In her 14th year, *John Parker* conveyed it to *Richard Lucas*, and so came to Judge *Gawdy* and *Berney*.

Besides these lordships, it appears, that *Ralph de Camois* claimed one knight's fee in *Berton* and *Eastmore* of *Ralph de Roffa*, or *Rochester*, which *Ralph Wallensis*, uncle of *Stephen*, father of *Ralph de Camois*, was seized of in the reign of *Henry* II. *William de Roucester*

died possessed of it in the 33d of *Henry* III. son of *Ralph*, and it came to Sir *Robert Tudenham*, by the marriage of *Eva*, relict of *Ralph de Roucester*, son of *Henry*, brother and heir of *William*, who died *s. p.* This was also held of the Earls of *Clare;* and, in the 54th of *Henry* III. Sir *Robert Tudenham*, and *Eva* his wife, granted it, by fine, to *Robert de Weston*, and *Hawisia* his wife, sister of *Ralph*, son of Sir *Henry*, (which they held in dower of the inheritance of *Hawisia*,) in exchange for the manor of *Ereswell* in *Suffolk;* but, in the first of *Edward* I. the said Sir *Robert*, &c. conveyed it to *Gilbert de Well*, and *Maud* his wife.

BAINARD-HALL.

Ralph Bainard, a *Norman* lord, had, on the conquest, the grant of a capital manor, of which *Ailid*, a free woman, was deprived, consisting of 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, 7 bordarers, 4 servi, 20 acres of meadow; and when *Ralph* entered on it, there were 2 runci, 2 cows, 60 swine, and 140 sheep, valued at 80s. but at the survey at 60s. also a church, endowed with 24 acres, valued at 2*s. per ann.* Four men belonged to it, who paid all customary dues; and there were 4 other, who belonged only to the lord's soc, and held a carucate and 6 acres of meadow, valued in *Ailid's* time at 20*s.* at the survey at 30*s.*[3] *Ralph* had also seized on, in this town, 30 acres, held by a freeman in King *Edward's* time.

William Lord *Bainard*, rebelling against King *Henry* I. forfeited this lordship, and that King gave it to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, ancestor of the Earls of *Clare;* from this *Robert* the family of the lords *Fitz-Walters* descended; and, in the reign of *Henry* III. *Edmund de Lenn*, and *Richard Jeffrey*, alias *Jovene*, held it of the Lord *Fitz-Walter* by one knight's fee. *William de Lenn*, rector of North *Lynn*, held a moiety of it in the 2d of *Edward* III. and conveyed it, *Ao.* 6, to *Adam de Fincham*, and *Annabel* his wife; and *Ao* 20, *John de Fincham* held it, and *John de Codington* the other moiety. to whom it was conveyed, *Ao.* 17, by *William de Eton*, and *Joan* his wife, late wife of *John de Jovene*. After this, the *Finchams* were possessed of it; and, in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. died lord of the whole. *William Fincham*, Esq. in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, granted it to *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. who married his sister *Anne*, from whom it came, *Ao.* 32, to *Thomas Gawsell, Jasper Blake*, &c. and soon after to Serjeant *Gawdy*, and so to the *Hares* and *Berneys*.

The lete of the town was in Sir *George Hare*. Bart. The tenths were 10*l.* 7*s.* Deducted 1*l.* for the lands of the religious, who were charged, and paid it themselves. Lete fee, 2*s.* 8*d.*

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Thomas Moor*, &c. aliened lands here, and in *Beacham Well*, to the prior of *Ingham*.—The temporalities of

[3] Terre Rad Bainardi.——In Bertuna ten. Ailid i. lib. fem. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. iiii. vill. et vii. bor. tc. iiii. s. xx. ac. pti. On Rad. ii. r. m°. iii. tc. ii. an. tc. LX. por m°. xv. tc. CXL. ovs. m°. XL. tc. et p. val. LXXX. sol. m°. XL. i. Ecclia. xxiiii. ac. val. ii. sol. Huic Manerio adjacent semp. iiii. hoes. de o'-ni. consuetudine, et alii iiii. ad Socham tantu. et hab. i. car. et vi. ac. pti. tc. val. xx. sol. m°. xxx.—Invasiones R. Baignardi——In Bertuna xxx. ac. qd. ten. lib. ho. T. R. E. ex illis dedit iiii. ac. in vadimonio et viii. tulit Wihenoc de Burli.

Ramsey were valued in 1428, at 20*s*.—Those of the prior of St. *Neots*, at 15*s*. 6*d*..—The spiritualities of the college of *Stoke Clare*, in St. *Andrew's* parish, at 40*s*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH is a single pile, built of flint stones, &c. in length about 53 feet, in breadth about 19, covered with reed, and has a square tower, coped with free stone, and three bells; on the top or summit is a cup or cover, with a weathercock. Over the entrance or arch of the porch, in a nitch, stands a little antique figure of St. *Andrew*, with his shield, a saltire cross in his right hand; and on the sides of this porch are flint stones, worked in the form of saltires. Many churches had the image of the Saint to whom they were dedicated in such places.[4] Thus we read, that the image of *Thomas Becket* Archbishop of *Canterbury* was over the door of the Mercer's chapel in *Cheapside, London*, dedicated to him, and the bason for the holy water is still entire on the right hand as you enter.

On the pavement, within the rails of the communion table, lie 3 black marble stones:—On one,

Depositum Matthæi Novell, rectoris hujus ecclesiæ.—2, *Depositum Mariæ conjugis Matti. Novell.*—3, *Depositum Matti. filii 2di. Matti. et Mariæ Novell.*

The east window has been ornamented with painted glass; on the edging of it may be observed several leopards heads, *or*, jessant flowers de-lis, the arms of *Cantilupe*.—On the pavement of the chancel are several small antique pavements, and thereon are cinquefoils, stars, mullets, lozengys, ... and *ermine*, and some with eagles and crescents, and are about 4 inches square: this chancel is about 33 feet long, and 15 broad, covered with reed.

In the churchyard are 3 altar tombs of brick, covered with stone slabs.

1, *Here lyeth the body of William, son of William Mott, Gent. buried November* 27, 1705.—2, *Here*, &c. *of William Mott, Gent. buried December* 14, 1705.—3, *Here*, &c. *of Edmund Mott, son of William Mott, Gent. buried Feb.* 3, 1705.

RECTORS.

1299, *Robert de Everdon* occurs rector.

1314, *Simon de Blatherwyke* instituted, presented by the prior, &c. of St. *Neot's*.

Simon de Northburgh occurs in 1326.

1330, *William de Lilleford*, by *ditto*.

1344, *Martin de Fincham*.

1349, *Robert Trayle*, by the King, the temporalities of *St. Noet's* priory then in the Crown.

1377, *Roger Warde*, by the King.

1386, *John Joseph*, on the resignation of *Warde;* he was rector of *Bexwell* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Warde;* presented by the King.

[4] Fox's Acts and Mon. vol. iii. p. 149.—Durant. de Ritib. Eccles. p. 205.

1396, *Thomas Stormeworthe*, on the resignation of *Joseph*; he was vicar of *Steeple Bumstede* in *Essex*, and exchanged with *Joseph*; presented by the King, &c.

1404, *John Doutre*, or *Dautre*, on the resignation of *Stormeworthe*; he was rector of *Acle Parva* in *Essex*, and exchanged with *Stormeworthe*; presented by the prior and convent of St. *Neot's*.

1406, *William Lopyngton*, presented by the prior, &c.

1410, *John Candeler*, on the resignation of *Lopyngton*; he was rector of *Dalham* in *Suffolk*, and exchanged with *Lopyngton*; he had been vicar of *Swaffham* in *Norfolk*; presented by the prior, &c.

1417, *Thomas Ledlady*, on the resignation of *Candeler*; he was vicar of *South Lynn, All-Saints*, and exchanged with *Candeler*; he had been rector of *Downham, Norfolk*, and custos of the chapel of *Barton Eastmore*; presented by the prior, &c.

1426, *Thomas Crishale*, on the resignation of *Ledlady*; he was rector of *North Lynn*, St. *Edmund*, and custos of the chapel at *Eastmore*, and exchanged with *Ledlady*; presented by the prior, &c.

1430, *John Pomfret*, on the resignation of *Crishale*; he was vicar of *Hackeney* (now *Hackney*) in *Middlesex*, and exchanged with *Crishale*; presented by the prior, &c.

1431, *Robert Lucy*, subdeacon, on the resignation of *Pomfret*; he was rector of *Langdon* in *Essex*, and exchanged with *Pomfret*; presented by the prior, &c.

1442, *John Paris*. *Ditto*.

1471, *John Lovell*, presented by the prior, &c.

1479, *Benedict Newman* on the death of *Lovell*, by the prior, &c.

Thomas Hall.

1512, *John Green*, L. L. B. on the death of *Thomas Hall*, by the prior, &c. This church was then valued at 20 marks; this old valor was made about the 20th of *Edward* I. and the last (now in use) in the 20th of *Henry* VIII.[5]

Thomas Becket Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in the reign of *Henry* II. paid no first-fruits, or annates to the Pope; none were paid in that time, or before it, but afterwards, in the time of Pope *John* XXII. first-fruits began to be paid.—Prior of *Stoke's* portion at 40s.—*Peter*-pence 18*d*.

1515, *Walter Greggs*, A. M.

1518, *John Rawnes*, prior of St. *Neot's*, on the death of *Greggs*; presented by *Thomas Hynds*, on a grant from the monastery of St. *Noet's, hâc vice*.

1540, *Thomas Hatler*, on the death of the last rector, by the King.

1544, *John Lawnde*, on the death of the last rector, by the King.

William Burley; he was deprived in 1553, as a married priest.

1554, *Adam Richardson*, L. L. B. by the Queen.

1556, *John Farrar*, batchelor of decrees, on the resignation of *Richardson*; presented by King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*; rector also of *Allhallows*; see there.

1579, *Henry Vaux*, by the Queen.

1585, *Edmund Jones*, A. M. In his answer to King *James*, 1603, he says there were then 98 communicants in this parish; he was then

[5] Walt. Hemingford, vol. ii. p. 525. Ian. in Offic. Regist. Norw. p. 44. Edit. a Tho. Herne.——MSS. Miscel.

batchelor of divinity, chaplain to the Earl of *Sussex*, and rector of *Allhallows*.

1625, *Thomas Raworth*, A. M. by the King.
1666, *Matt. Novell*, A. M. *Ditto.*
1689, *Laurence Park*, by the King.
1716, *Joseph Ward*, A. M. *Ditto.*
1724, *Joseph Ward*, junior. *Ditto.*
1741, *Joseph Forby*. *Ditto.*
1745, *William Garforth*. *Ditto.*
1755, Mr. *James Adamson*, the present rector.

This rectory is valued in the King's Books at 14*l.* and pays tenths 1*l.* 8*s.*

Roger de Clare Earl of *Gloucester*, &c. with the consent of his son *Richard*, gave this church to the priory of St. *Neot's* in *Huntingdonshire*, for the health of the souls of his ancestors, and *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed it, to take place on the death of *Roger de Elmham*, then rector; dated at the Bishop's manor of *Eccles*, in the sixth year of his pontificate, on St. *John Baptist* day.[6]

Here was a pension issuing out of the church belonging to the priory and college of *Stoke Clare* in *Suffolk* of 40*s.* in 1428, and granted to *Robert* Earl of *Sussex*, *Ao.* 28 *Henry* VIII. and, at this time, 5*l. per ann.* pension is paid by the rector to the Lord *Walpole*. —*Gilbert de Clare*, who lived in the reign of *William* II. is said to grant the tithes of his manors in *Norfolk* to the said priory.

There were anciently in this church these arms: *Ermine*, three lions couchant, *gules*, impaling *Lovell*. *Argent* and *azure*, lozengy; on every lozenge, *azure*, a flower-de-lis, *or*, on a canton, *gules*, a star of eight points, *or*.

EASTMORE,

Belonging to this town of *Barton*. In the hamlet of *Barton-Eastmore*, was a chapel, which *Bartholomew de Brancaster*, son of *Peter de Branncestre*, gave by deed, *sans* date, with his body to the abbey of *West-Derham*, (which, by the said deed, seems to have been well endowed) to find two canons of that house to pray there for his soul, and the souls of his parents, &c. for ever, at the appointment of that abbot and convent.

—*Sciant p'sentes et futi. qd. ego Bartholomeus fil. Petri de Branncestre, concessi et dedi, et hâc meâ p'senti chartâ confirmavi p. salute aie. mee p. aiâb; p'tis et matris mee, et omni. p'entu. meoru. et omni. fidel. defunctor. Deo et abbat. et conventui Ste. Marie de Derha. cu. corpore meo capella. Sti. Johis. Bapt. in Marisco de Bertona constita. cu. oib; terr. toft. homagiis suis, a me e'ptis. et adquisitis in villa de Bertona, et de Eastmore et in campis Sti. Winwaloi cu. oib; p'tin. et libertat. suis et servit. Johis. de Nerburgi de terr. qu. tenuit de me in villa de Ilketeshale, vid; messuag. meu. cu. oib; terr. arabilib; et inarabilib; et cu. hominib; et servit. houm. et cu. oib; p'tin. aliis et libertat. in eadem villa de Ilketishale, et de Suth Elmham, et cu. messuag. qd. emi de Ric*

[6] Regist. St. Neot's in Bibl. Cotton. 1173, and 369. —Monast. Angl. vol. iii. p. 1006, 1119,

de Fresingfeld cu. oib; p'tin. et - - - - in vii*s. pratis et pascuis semitis, et exitib; cu. oib; aliis rebus ad dcm. tenementu. in utraq; villa spectantib; sine aliquo retinemento, salvis s'vit. d'noru. feodoru. in lib'am. pura. et p'petua. elemosina hnd. et tened. scil. ad sustentationem duor. canonicoru. de domo de Derham qi. in dca. capella de Bertona p. salute aie. mee et p'ent. mcoru. et o'ium. fideliu. defunctor. in p'petuu. divina celebrabunt quos Dci. Abb. et Conventus ibm. ordinabunt et instituent. Et ut hæc mea donatio in p'petuu. firma sit et stabilis eam p'senti scripto et sigilli impositione roboravi.*[7]

In this deed, this chapel is called the chapel of St. *John Baptist*, and was in the patronage, &c. of *Derham* abbey; but in all the institution books at *Norwich*, I find it called the chapel of St. *Mary*, and not to be in the patronage of that abbey; so that probably the foundation was afterwards altered, and it was settled otherwise.

CHAPLAINS.

1314, *Henry de Swaffham*, by *John Lovell*.
Henry Attcross.

1345, *William Atcross* of *Swaffham*, on the resignation of *Henry Attcross*; presented by *John Lovell* of *Berton Bendish*.

1377, *Roger Baxter*, presented by *Walter Baldwyn*, rector of St. *Mary*, *Barton*, *Nicholas Trussbut*, *William de Narburgh*, and *John*, son of *William Styward* of *Watlington*.

1393, *Ralf Fitz-Gerard* of *East Walton*, (he was rector of *Barton*, St. *Mary*, and exchanged with *Baxster*,) presented by *William de Narburgh*, *John de Fyncham*, and *Nicholas Trussbut de Schuldham*, and *John Chenery*.

1398, *Thomas Smith*, presented by *William de Narburgh*, &c.
Thomas Stanford.

1402, *William Barton*; he was rector of St. *Mary* the Less at *Walyngford*, in the diocese of *Salisbury*, and exchanged with *Stanford*, presented by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq.

1411, *William Berneston*, by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. he had the church of *Babbeworth*, in the diocese of *York*, and exchanged with *Burton*: this *Berneston* is styled, *Primam habens tonsuriam Clericalem*, on his institution here.

1412, *Thomas Cryshale*, presented by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq.; he was afterwards rector of St. *Andrew*, *Barton*.

1426, *Thomas Ledlady*, on the resignation of *Cryshale*; he was rector of *North Lynn*, and exchanged with *Cryshale*: this *Ledlady* was rector of *Barton*, St. *Andrew*, (and of *Downham Hithe*, *Norfolk*,) presented by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq.

1427, *Richard Cutts*, instituted by the free chapel or chantry of St. *Mary* in *Eastmore*, on the resignation of *Ledlady*, the last custos or chaplain, by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq.

1428, *John Cacheroo*, on the resignation of *Cutts*, (he was rector of *Bekeswell*, *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Cutts*,) by *Tho. Lovell*, Esq.

After this, I find no institution to this chapel in the Register Books of *Norwich*. The last custos, on the dissolution of this chapel, in the

[7] MSS. Transcript of Derham Leidger Book.

1st of *Edward* VI. was *William Dicons*, who was alive in 1553, and held then an annual pension of 3*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* I find a messuage and 30 acres of land, to have belonged to it.—At the suppression, it was granted to Sir *Thomas Woodhouse* of *Woxham*,[8] and turned into a farm-house, having some additional buildings. It is still called the Chapel-house; part of the chapel, at the east end of the house, still remains, as appears by the old roof.

St. Mary's Church stands at the west end of the town, and was beat down by the fall of the tower, in the reign of Queen *Anne*, and is rebuilt of the old materials; it is a single pile about 24 feet long, and 15 broad, covered with reed, as the chancel, which is about 22 feet long, and 14 broad, without any tower.

RECTORS.

1308, *Hugh de Swaffham*, presented by *John Lovel.*[9]

1314, *Robert Lovel*, presented by *John Lovel.*

1333, *John Turpin* of *Folkyngham*, on the resignation of *Lovel*, presented by *John Lovel;* he was vicar of *Buxton* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Lovel.*

1335, *William Lovel*, presented by *John Lovel.*

1341, *Nicholas Lovel*, presented by *John Lovel* of *Bertone.*

1349, *Walter Baldwin de Crymplesham*, presented by *John Lovel:* by his will, dated on *Tuesday* after the feast of St. *Edith* the Virgin, 1387, and proved 20 *April* following, he desires to be buried in the churchyard of St. *Mary* here.

1387, *Nicholas Stangrene*, presented by *John de Bukyngham, Robert Mosel, William de Narburgh*, and *Baldwin de Berton*, trustees, as I take it, for *Thomas Lovel.*

1388, *Ralph Fitz-Gerard* of *East Walton*, by *William de Narburgh, John de Fyncham, Nich. Trussbutt, Robert de Snore*, and *John Chenery:* he was rector of *Ashwyken*, and exchanged with *Stangrene.*

1393, *Roger Baxter*, presented by *William de Narburgh, John de Fyncham, Nicholas Trussbut*, and *John Chenery.*

1411, *Reginald Peper*, presented by *Thomas Lovel*, Esq.

1416, *William Garnet*, by *Thomas Lovel;* he was rector of *Schirford* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Peper.*

1416, *Roger Maggus*, by *Thomas Lovel*, Esq.

1422, *John Reeve*, on the resignation of *Maggus*, by *Thomas Lovel*, Esq.

1443, *Robert Berton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1445, *John Brumpton*, by *Tho. Lovell*, senior, Esq.

1446, *Tho. Hecocks*, priest, by *Tho. Lovell*, Esq. of *Barton.*

1458, *Tho. Tyrell*, on the resignation of *Heacocks*, by *Tho. Lovell*, Esq.

1462, *William Connyston*, on the resignation of *Tyrell*, by *Tho. Lovell*, Esq.

1465, *Hugh Freeman*, on the resignation of *Connyston*, by *Tho. Lovell*, Esq.

[8] Pat. 6 Edw. VI.

[9] Lib. Institut. Norwic.

1474, *John Baroughdon*, on the resignation of *Freeman*, by *Gregory Lovell*, Esq.

1481, *Tho. Warthyll*, on the resignation of *Baroughdon*, by *Gregory Lovell*, Esq.

1496, *Richard Horsman*, batchelor of decrees, on the resignation of *Warthyll*, by Sir *Gregory Lovell*.

1498, *William Aleyn*, on the resignation of *Horseman*, by Sir *Gregory Lovell*.

1510, *William Rothewell*, on the death of *Aleyn*, by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq.

1518, *William Lynellys*, on the death of *Rothewell*, by Sir *Thomas Lovell*.

1526, *Anthony Medcalf*, on the resignation of the last rector, by Sir *Thomas Lovell*.

John Laydston, vel Ladstocke. Sir *John Laydston*, parson of *Barton*, St. *Mary*, dwelling there, hath a pension of 6*l. per ann* by reason of a certain chantry in *West Lynn, Norfolk*.[1]—By this it appears, and many other such like instances, that chantry priests, and other religious, were not turned out to shift for themselves, as some represent, but had pensions allowed them, and obtained besides, rectories and benefices.

1558, *Henry Wilsonne*, on the death of *Laydston*, by *John Dethick*, Esq. He was also rector of *Bitcham-well*, St. *Mary*.—*Dns. Henr. Wilsonne, presb. conjugatus, mediocritèr doctus, non residet, non hospitalis, in rectoria de Becham-Well*, St. *Mary, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo*.[2]

1562, *Edward Croft*, on the death of *Wilsonne*, by *Edmund Dethick*, Esq.

1571, *Robert Lawson*, on the resignation of *Croft*, by *Edmund Audley*, Esq. and *Edmund Dethick*, Gent. guardians of *Christopher Dethick*.

1592, *Peter Tye*, on the death of *Lawson*, by *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. See in *Southrey* and *Watlington*.

1594, *Barthol. Howling*, by *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. In his answers to the King, in 1603, he says there were 28 communicants in the parish.

1614, *John Collin*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by the Lord *Rich*.

1618, *Robert Wilson*, A. M. by Sir *Thomas Cheek*.

1644, *Joseph Houlton*, on the death of *Wilson*, by *Thomas* Lord *Coventry*, in trust for Sir *John Hare*, rector also of *Allhallows, Barton*.

1667, *Nicholas Pollard*, by *Thomas Berney*, Esq.
William Sheldrake.

1698, *Joseph Craske*, A. M. by *John Meriton*, clerk.

1786, Mr. *Richard Jones* (the present rector) by Sir *Thomas Berney*, Bart.

The patronage of this rectory goes with the manor, and Sir *Hanson Berney*, Bart. is patron.

[1] Miscellan. MSS. Certificat. de Pension. temp. Hen. VIII.

[2] Parkeri Certificat This Archbishop, in his metropol. visitation, made such a general certificate of the clergy.—In Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant. MSS.

It is valued in the King's Books at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and being in clear value but 39*l. per ann.* is discharged of tenths and first-fruits.

Ancient valor, 5 marks: *Peter*-pence, 9*d.*

In this church there were anciently the arms of *Lovell*, *Edward* the Confessor, *Carvil*, with his crest, a goat *sable*, horned, bearded and unguled, *or*.—*Gul.* a chevron, *or*, between three leopards heads, *argent*. *Carvil, azure*, a cross . . . . . fitché between . . cinquefoils, *argent*. . . . three lozenges *ermine*, in a bordure, ingrailed *argent*, *Haltoft*.—*Carvile* sideth *sable*, . . . piles *argent*, ... *Carvile* sideth *azure*, a cross, bud'd fitchè int. three cinquefoils, argent.—*Carvile* sideth, three lozenges *ermine*, in a bordure, *argent*.—*Carvile* and *Beding feld*.—*Carvile* and *Asteley, azure*, a cinquefoil pierced, *ermine*, in a bordure ingrailed, *argent*; a fess, gobony, *or*, and *gules*, over all a lion rampant *sab.* crowned *gules*.—*Ufford* and *Beak* quarterly.—*Gawsell* and *Bekeswell*, —*Or*, and *azure* barrè of 6, a canton, *ermine*, and in chief a coronet, *sable*, *Gawsell*.—*Beding field* and *Tudenham*—*Shouldham* and *Narburgh*.--*Bossome, or*, three birdbolts *gules*, nook'd and pointed, *or*, a label, *gules*.—*Syliard, arg.* a chevron, *gules*, between three phæons, *sable*. —*Castle, argent*, three castles triple towered *gules*; *argent*, six ogresses, and a bordure, ingrailed *gules*.[3]

All-Saints. This church stands between the churches of St. *Mary* and St. *Andrew*, in *Barton*, and is built of flint and boulder; an ancient pile, supported by buttresses of brick; of a body, or isle, in length about 47 feet, and in breadth about 16; the top is camerated and impanelled with wainscoat, and covered with reed. Here seems to have been a little chapel on the north side of it, by the pillars, &c. This body or nave is separated by a screen from the chancel, which is about 31 feet in length and about 16 in breadth, and covered with thatch.

In the north window here is, *gules*, six escallops, *argent*, Lord *Scales*; and, in the upper window, on the south side, *argent*, on a bend, *sable*, three cross crosslets, fitchè of the first, *Caston*:

Here were anciently the arms of Lord *Bardolf*, the Earl of *Clare* siding *or*, a cross *gules*, in a bordure *sab.* *Burgh* Earl of *Ulster*.

[3] MSS. penes J. Anstis. Garter, marked E. 26. fol. 15. Collect. Le Neve.

At the west end of the nave is a four square tower of flint, &c. and quoins of free stone, embattled with brick. In this tower hang three large ancient bells. On the tenor,—*Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum*, and two shields;—on one shield, two keys in saltire, between a dolphin embowed, a wheat-sheaf, a bell, and a lamp, probably to represent the four elements.—On another shield, a quadrangular cross florette.—On the second bell, are the same shields, and *Sancta Catherina Ora Nobis.*—On the treble, the same shields, and *Vox Augustini sonet in Aure Dei.* The ancients used inscriptions on their bells; —*Montfaucon* mentions one with a *Greek* inscription, but in Latin characters; CHOVS. ARTEMIS. EPHESTION. AER. MENI. that is Χθ̃ς. Αρτεμις Ηεφαιστιον Αηρ. Μενει.[4] He makes χθ̃ς to signify the earth, but it rather signifies water.—Bells in the Romish church were, and are, baptized, and have their godfatathers and godmothers, and more ceremonies are then used, than at the baptism of a Christian.

Juga, sister, or wife rather, of *Ralph Bainard*, lord of this town, founded 1004, the priory of *Dunmow* in *Essex*, which her son *Jeffrey* enjoyed; but *William* Lord *Bainard*, on his rebellion in the reign of *Henry* I. was deprived; whether any of these gave the patronage of this church to the priory, does not appear. In the 13th of *Edward* I. a patent was granted to the convent of this advowson,[5] most likely by the Lord *Fitz-Walter*. In that year there was a suit between the prior and *Edmund de Leen*, and *Richard de Jovene*, concerning the patronage, and *Edward* released his right to the prior.

RECTORS.

1325, *John Clare*, presented by the prior and convent of *Dunemawe*.
1342, *Walter de Thaxtede*, by the prior, &c.
1360, *Phil. de West Wratting*. *Ditto*.
1369, *John Chinery de Clare*, by the prior, &c.
1394, *John Dunmow*, by the prior, &c.
1395, *Robert de Peterburgh*, by the prior, &c.
1399, *Laurence Styward*, by the prior, &c. He was vicar of *Gaysely* in *Cambridgeshire*, and exchanged with *Peterborough*. This *Styward* was also vicar of *Swaffham* priory in *Cambridgeshire*. First fruits then 9 marks.
1413, *William Bulwer*, on the death of *Styward*, by the prior, &c. By his will dated 11th of *June*, 1431, and proved the 27th of the said month, he desires to be buried in the middle of the chancel of this church.
1431, *Thomas Wygenhale*, on the death of *Bulwer*, by the prior, &c.
1443, *Robert Cattesson*. *Ditto*.
1460, *John Torkesey*, on the resignation of *Catesson*, by the prior, &c.
1462, *Simon Furbusher*, on the resignation of *Torkesey* *Ditto*.

[4] Montfaucon's Antiq. Vol. III. p. 69. [5] Trin. 13 Ed. I. de Banco, Rot. I.

1482, *Peter Newman,* on the death of *Furbusher,* by the prior &c.

1500, *John Lyster,* on the resignation of *Newman, Ditto.*

1533, *Robert Talbot,* on the death of the last rector. *Ditto.*

1554, *Henry Gardyner,* presented by *Henry* Earl of *Sussex.* The patronage of this church, on the dissolution of the priory of *Dunmow,* was given, 28th *Henry* VIII. to *Robert Ratcliff* Earl of *Sussex*;[6] as also the pension belonging to the said priory out of this rectory, valued, in 1428, at 50*s.* and died seized of the same.—*Gardiner* was deprived in 1555, being a secular married priest.

1556, *John Fayrhawr, alias Farrar,* batchelor of decrees, by *Henry* Earl of *Sussex;* rector also of St. *Andrew* in *Barton; Dns. Johs. Farrar, presb. non conjugatus, satis doctus, non residet, non hospitalis, in rectoriâ suâ de Barton Andreâ, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*

1585, *Edmund Jones,* A. M. rector also of St. *Andrew's.* About this time, I find in a MSS. that this church was not at that time seized. In 1603, he certified to the King, that there were 56 communicants in this parish; and was buried in the chancel of the church.

1616, *Rowland Wilson,* A. M. presented by the King.

1625, *Robert Wilson,* by *Robert* Earl of *Sussex;* rector also of St. *Mary.*

1644, *Joseph Houlton,* on the death of *Wilson,* by *Ralph Eltonhed,* Esq.

1658, *William Sheldrake,* rector also of St. *Mary.*

1698, *Joseph Crask,* A. M. on the death of the last rector, by *John Meridon,* clerk; rector also of St. *Mary*; buried in the chancel.

1736, Rev. Mr. *Richard Jones,* rector.

This church is valued in the King's Books at 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* but being in clear value but 39*l. per ann.* is discharged of tenths and first fruits; old valor, 9 marks: *Peter*-pence 10*d.*—The patronage was in the late *And. Taylor,* and now in *William Folkes,* Esq.

The pension of the priory of *Dunmow* in this church was 50*s.*—The regulars, in the time of Popery, to depress the seculars, when they got the advowson of a church, would not present a priest, but on a simoniacal contract of a pension, a grievance after complained of, but never remedied.

BICHAM-WELL,

THOUGH now looked upon, and accounted as one town, was, at the time of the grand survey, two distinct and separate towns, *Well,* and *Bicham. Well* was the most southern part, near the river that arises at *Shingham.*

Rainald son of *Ivo,* had the grant of the lordship of *Well,* on the deprivation of *Toli,* a *Saxon* lord.[7] Here were 9 villains, 5 bordarers, 6

[6] Pat. 28 Hen. VIII. p. 1.

[7] Terre Rainaldi filii. Ivonis. Wella ten. Toli lib. ho. T.R.E. semp.

servi, 8 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, &c. a fishery, (or fishpond,) one runcus, 2 cows, with 12 swine, &c. 80 sheep, &c. always valued at 6*l.* but had paid 8*l.* 17 freemen also belonged to it, with 64 acres of land, and a carucate and a half, &c. valued at 13*s.* 4*d.* whom *Wihenoc*[8] had invaded, or seized on.—— All *Well* was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 2*s.* to the King's gelt at 20*s.*

Rainald had also the lands of 6 freemen, who possessed 2 carucates, and 15 acres of lands, with 9 bordarers, valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* 3 of these freemen were under the protection of the predecessor of *Hermerus, (de Ferrary's,)* and *Wihenoc* had these.

In *Bicham, Rainald* had 24 acres of land, which a freeman had been deprived of by the invasion of *Wihenoc;* and *Hermere,* predecessor, had the protection of him only, and it pays 5*s.*

WELL-HALL.

HUBERT DE ST. PHILEBERT was lord in the reign of *Henry* II. and held it of the Earls of *Clare,* and was lord of *Bray* in *Berkshire.* In the 3d year of King *John,* a fine was levied between *Hugh de Philibert,* and *Roger de* St. *Philibert,* whereby *Hugh* granted to *Roger,* and his heirs a moiety of this manor, to be held of *Hugh;* and, in the 2d of *Henry* III. *Albreda,* widow of *Hugh de* St. *Philibert,* had her thirds assigned her herein. In the 13th of the said King, a fine was levied between *Stephen de Scalariis,* and *Beatrix* his wife, daughter and heir of *Roger de* St. *Philibert,* and *Hugh de* St. *Philibert,* of the moiety above-mentioned, granted to *Hugh,* reserving only the domain lands to themselves. In the 53d of *Henry* III. *Nicholas de Cressingham,* and *Alice* his wife, granted, by fine, to *Gilbert de Well,* and *Maud* his wife, a messuage, and 80 acres of land; and, in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Peter de Well,* son of *Gilbert,* had 5 messuages, a mill, 380 acres of land here, in *Caldecot, Cley,* and *Oxburgh,* for life, remainder to *Alice,* daughter of *Roger de Swafham,* for life, remainder to *Joan,* daughter of *Peter,* &c. by *Robert Person* of *Overe.*

About the end of *Henry* the Third's reign, part of this lordship we find held by *William Belet,* of the Earl of *Clare.* The *Belets* were a family of great worth and dignity.—*Michael Belet* was a judge itinerant in the reign of *Henry* II. and another *Michael* (if not the same) held the cup at the coronation of Queen *Alianor,* consort of King *Henry* III. Of the same family was also *Hervey Belet,* a great benefactor to (and by some accounted founder of) *Cokesford* abbey in

car. tre. ix. vill. et v. bord. tc. vi. servi p. et m°. ii. ii. et viii. acr. p'ti. semp. ii. car. in dnio. tc. ii. car. houm. p. et m°. i. et pisc. sep. i. r. et ii. an. tc. xii. por. m°. vii. tc. LXXX. oves m°. CLX sep. val. vi. lib. sed reddidit viii. lib. huic man. jacent. xvii. lib. hoes, de LXIIII. ac. terre tc. i. car. et dim. m°. i. et val. xiii. sol. et iiii. d. istos invasit uuihenoc. Tota uuella ht. i. leug in long. et in lat. et reddit ii. sol. de xx. sol. de gelto Regis.——In Wella tenuer. vi. lib. hoes. ii. car tre. et xv. ac. sep. ii. car. et viiii. bord. val. xxvi. sol. et viii. d. et iii. ex. h. fuer. com'dati. antecessori Hermeri. et hos om's. occupavit Wihenoc.

In Bicham xxiii. ac. tre ten. i. lib. ho. hunc invasit Uuihenoc, et Antæc. Hermer. habuit com'd. tantu. et reddit v. sol.

[8] Wihenoc was a dependant of, and held lands under, Reinald.

Norfolk. After this, it was in the hands of *Ingelram Belet*, who was knighted in the 34th of *Edward* I. with *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, by bathing. This *Ingelram* married *Avicia*, daughter and heir of *Robert Bardolph*, by *Avicia* his wife, daughter and heir of *John de Lounds*, lord of *Wyrham* and *Crimplesham*. *Robert Belet*, son of *Ingelram*, by *Avicia*, died possessed of it about the 8th of *Edward* II. Before this, in the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury present, that the Earl of *Clare*, the capital lord, extended the bounds of his warren here, and that he had made warren of lands, which he purchased after the grant of the warren made to him; at which time the lete here belonged to that Earl, who had a gallows at *Mickel-Dyke*, between *Barton* and this town. *Rot. Hund.* 3d *Edward* I. *in Cur. Recept. Sccii.*

In 1326, *Robert de Well* was lord, and presented to the church of St. *John* in this town, (the advowson of which belonged to this lordship,) who died about the 9th of *Edward* III. and soon after this, in the 20th of the said King, it was held by *Richard de Walkfar*, and *John de Benstede*, &c. which *John* presented to the church aforesaid, as lord, in 1349; but, in the year 1354, *John de Denham* was lord, and presented to the church of St. *John*. This *John* was son and heir of *Avice Walkfare*; and he appears to be lord, (or his son,) and presented to the said church in 1374.

In the year 1420, it seems to be in the hands of trustees, who presented that year to St. *John's* church; but, in the reign of *Henry* VI. it was purchased by the *Lovells*; and *Ralph Lovel*, Esq. presented as lord in 1458, in which family it continued, till it was sold to the *Athows*, in the reign of King *James* I. and *Thomas Athow*, Esq. presented as lord in 1613, which *Thomas* was serjeant at law, son of *Christopher Athow* of *Brisley* in *Norfolk*, (by *Dorothy*, daughter of *Thomas Jenison* of *Creak* in *Norfolk*, by *Ann* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Wingfield*, Esq. 2d son of *Thomas Wingfield* of *Dunham Magna*, was father of *Wingfield Athow*, who died *sane* issue; and *John Athow*, who married *Cecily*, daughter of Sir *John Lunsford*, by whom he had Sir *Christopher Athow*, Knt. who, by *Penelope*, daughter of Sir *William de Grey*, of *Merton* in *Norfolk*, left 2 sons, *Christopher* and *William*, who both died *sans* issue. *William* sold this lordship to Sir *Simon Tayler* of *Lyn*. By his son, *Samuel Taylor*, Esq. it descended to *Andrew Taylor*, Esq. who dying unmarried, this estate came to *William Fowks*, Esq. by his wife, sister of the said *Andrew*.

ASHFIELD AND JOCES MANOR.

At the survey, *Ribald*, lord of *Mildham*, in *Yorkshire*, held under *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, and lord of *Swaffham*, in *Norfolk*, 60 acres of land in *Bycham*. In the time of the Confessor, it consisted of one carucate; at the survey, but of half a one, valued at 5*s*.[9]

In the reign of *Henry* III. it was held by *Richard de la More*, of *Mary*, Lady *Nevill*, a descendant of *Ribald*, by the service of the 10th part of a fee; and *William de la More* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Roger de Dersingham*; soon after it came to *John Joce*, who, with *Agnes* his wife, conveyed it with the

[9] Terre Alani Comitis.—In Bycham i. car. m°. dim. semp. val. 5 sol. ten. Ribaldus Lx. acr. tre, T. R. E. tc.

homages and services of several persons, in the 50th of that King, to *John Fitz-John*, alias *John de Thorp*, and his heirs. This *Joce* was probably related to Sir *Philip Joce*, a retainer to *Hugh* Lord *De Spencer* the younger, in the reign of *Edward* II. *John Ashfield*, Esq. of *Stow Langtoft* in *Suffolk*, by his will, proved *June* 13, 1394, appears to die seized of it;[1] wherein he bequeaths to *Agnes* his wife, the 3d part of all his goods; to *Joan Bokenham*, his sister, 40*s.*; to each of the churches of *Bycham*, 40*d.*; and names *Robert* his father executor. In the 5th of *Henry* IV. Sir *John Strange*, Knt. granted to *John de Bohun* Earl of *Hereford*, &c. the custody of all the manors, &c. late *Robert Ashfield's*, during the minority of *Robert Ashfield*, cousin and heir of the said *Robert*, in the towns of *Bycham-Well*, *Shyngham*, *Berton*, &c. and in 1459, *Robert Ashfield* of *Stow Langtoft*, Esq. by his will, dated *Feb.* 22, bequeaths his body to be buried in *Stow Langtoft* church, by *Elianor* his first wife; to *Cecilia* (his 2d wife) his utensils in his manor of *Bicham-Well*, and for her life this lordship, with the appertenances in *Shingham*, *Berton*, *Caldecote*, and *Cley*, and lands which he purchased in *Helgey*, *Southrey* and *Fordham*; remainder to *John Ashfield*, junior, his eldest son, by *Cecil*, in tail; remainder to *William* his son, rector of *Stow Langtoft*, for life; remainder to *Reginald* his son, and his heirs. This *Robert* was son of *John Ashfield*, son of *Robert*, who died in the 3d of *Henry* IV. In the 21st of *Edward* IV. *John Ashfield* died lord; and, in the 22d of *Henry* VII. died his widow *Florentia*, daughter and coheir of *John Botiler* of *Mepertishale* in *Bedfordshire*. *Thomas Jermyn* of *Rushbrook*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. in the 11th of *Henry* VIII. bought of *Thomas* Earl of *Surry*, the custody of the lands, and the heir of *George Ashfield* of *Stow Langtoft*, named *Robert*, and married him to *Maud* his 4th daughter.

Soon after this, it came to the family of the *Lovells*, lords of *Well-Hall*, and became united to it, and so continues; being conveyed from the *Athows*, so to Sir *Simon Taylor*, and *And. Taylor*, Esq. and to *William Folkes*, Esq. the present lord, in right of ——— his wife, sister and coheir of the said *Andrew*.

CHERVILE'S MANOR.

On the deprivation of *Alfeith*, a freeman, *Roger Bygot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant of this lordship, and *Robert de Vaux* held it under *Bygot*, at the survey. Two carucates, with 2 acres of land, 14 borderers, 4 servi, one carucate among the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, &c. belonged to it in *Alfeith's* time, &c. There also then belonged to it 3 freemen under protection only, with 60 acres, and *Herold* had the sock, valued at 40*s.* *Wihenoc* had taken away 30 acres from the domain lands, and *Bygot* laid claim to them as the gift of the King; to this manor also belonged a church, endowed with 30 acres, valued at 2*s.* and 6*d.*[2] *Herold*, who had 3 men under his pro-

[1] Regist. Harsyke, Norw. Fol. 196, B. ---.

[2] Terr. Rog. Bigoti.—In Bycham ten. Alfeith lib. ho. T. R. E. ii. ca. tre. et ii. ac. tre. xiiii. bord. m°. ten. R. de Vals. tc. iiii. s. m°. i. semp. i. car. hom. vi. ac. p'ti. tc. iiii. por. m°. xii. tc. LXXX. ov. i. min. m°. c. i. asing. huic manor°. semp. jac. iii. lib. hoes com'd. tant. LX. acr. de his hab. Heroldus socam, et val. XL. sol. de d'nio. istius tre. tulit Wihenoc XXX. ac. istos reclam'. de dono Regis.——Eccla. XXX. ac. val. II*s.* et vi*d.*

tection, &c. was King of *England;* and this land, on his death, was granted to *Bygot.*

This manor took its name from its ancient lords, the *Cherviles; Roger Chervile* was found to hold one fee here, &c. of *John de Vaux,* in the reign of *Edward* I. and, in the reign of *Edward* III. *Roger de Chervile* presented to the church of St. *Mary,* as lord, who then held it of Sir *Thomas de Narford;* to which family it came by the marriage of *Petronella,* one of the daughters and heirs of *John de Vaux.*

About the reign of *Henry* V. on the death of *Roger Chervile,* the last heir male of this family, (as I take it,) it was divided into parts, and came to his daughters and coheirs; one of which (*Christian*) was the widow of *Richard Grace,* and presented to the church of St. *Mary* in 1425: this *Christian* was afterwards (as it is said) wife to *Thomas Rous* of *Walton;* but the manor, with the advowson of the church of St. *Mary,* was in the hands of *Thomas Mannyng* of *Elyngham Magna,* who presented to that church in 1430;[3] but in 1476, *Henry Spelman,* Esq. of *Narburgh,* was lord, by the marriage of *Christian,* daughter and coheir of *Thomas Mannyng,* who died lord, and was found to hold the same by fealty of the manor of *Well-Hall,* and paying the rent of 13*s. per ann. Thomas,* son of *Henry,* left it, by will, in 1499, to *Ann* his wife, till *John* his son was 21 years old. Soon after the death of this *John,* who died *sans* issue, it came into the family of the *De Greys* of *Merton,* by the marriage of *Elizabeth,* daughter of Sir *John Spelman,* to *William de Grey,* Esq. in which it continued, till *Thomas de Grey,* Esq. sold it about the year 1722, to Mr. *Robert Harvey,* whose grandson, *Edward Harvey,* Gent. of *Watton,* has conveyed it to *Andrew Tayler,* Esq. lord of *Well-Hall,* who died lord in 1760, and his estate came to *Willlam Fowks,* Esq. by the marriage of a sister of the said *Andrew.*

The lete of this town, with that part of *Shingham,* which is in the hundred of *Clacklose,* is in Sir *George Hare,* Bart.; the fee is 4*s.*

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Thomas More,* and others, aliened lands here to the prior of *Ingham.*

In 1428, the temporalities of the abbey of *West Derham,* with the priory of St. *Winwaloy,* were valued at 4*l.* 10*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

The spiritualities of the college of *Stoke* by *Clare,* at 20*s.* being a portion out of the church of *All-Saints;* and the portion of the priory of St. *Noets,* in the said church, at 4*s.* 6*d.*

The town of *Bycham* is remarkable for an ancient *Saxon* dike, extending from it to the town of *Narburgh,* dividing the hundred of *Clacklose* (of which the abbey of *Ramsey* had the lordship) from the hundred of *South-Greenhoe.* Some conceive, that this town takes its name from this dike or ditch, and is called *Bycham, quasi, By-Ditch-Ham:* but as this dike is generally believed to be raised with its bank, by that monastery, as a boundary of their limits and liberties, in this open champaign country, it seems to me to be so called by the *Saxons,* before that abbey was founded, which was not before the year 974.—This dyke, in the 3d of *Edward* I. was called *Mikeldick,* (or the great dike,) and the Earl of *Gloucester* had a gallows here between *Barton* and *Bycham.*

The tenths were 10*l.*—Deducted 18*s.*

[3] This Thomas seems more probably to have married Christian, the widow of Richard, and Grace to have a daughter by her, (Christian,) who brought the manor and advowson to Henry Spelman, Esq.

Beacham Well, All-Saints. This church, which is now in ruins, stood about a quarter of a mile south of the town of *Bycham*, in a close near to *Well-Hall*. It was a single building, built of flint and boulder; the greatest part of the walls, both of the church and chancel, were lately standing, with the east gable of the chancel, and the west one of the church; whereon are the arms of *Athow* impaling *Wingfield*, and the year 1612. The length of the church was about 42 feet, and the breadth about 18; and, on the north wall is an old enarched stone monument wrought up with the wall, carved, and rising in the centre of the arch, with a floral pyramid; but no arms or inscription are remaining. The chancel, in length, about 34 feet, and the breadth the same with the nave; and a very neat arch of stone between the church and chancel, is still standing. Near the north-east end of the chancel wall stood, a few years past, a very stately altar monument of marble and alabaster, with a wall-piece of the same, now in entire ruins; but, in the year 1721, when I first viewed it, I found this inscription on the body of it.

Nomina exituum prædict. Thomæ et Annæ,—1. *Wingfield Athow, natus* 18 *Martii,* 1590.—2. *Johan. Athow, natus* 20 *Septemb.* 1592, *hic duxit in uxorem Ceciliam filiam seniorem Johan. Lunsford militis.* —3. *Thomas, natus* 30 *August.* 1597.—4. *Clement, natus* 20 *August.* 1599.—5. *Francisca uxor Wilhelmi Waldegrave armig. nata* 6 *Maii,* 1605.—6. *Gregorius, natus* 11 *Apr.* 1610.—*Isti sunt superstites, et insignia eorum locantur hic immediatè supra.*—7. *Elizabetha Athow, nata* 10 *Martii,* 1588, *et obiit Sabbati in septimana Pentecost.* 1589.—8. *Amia, nata* 22 *Jun.* 1594, *et obiit* 3 *Nov.* 1597.—*Dorothea, nata ultimo Maii, et obiit* 1 *Aug.* 1597.—10. *Henricus, natus* 18 *Jun.* 1601, *et obiit* 7 *Jan.* 1601.—11. *Anna nata* 13 *Novemb.* 1606, *et obiit* 28 *Apr.* 1607.—*Insignia defunctorum locantur hic in occidentali parte.*

Under this inscription another; *viz.* the names by which the several coats are borne, in the highest two escutcheons; in the first *Athow* and *Curson* are quartered; in the escutcheon upon the same, 1, *Wingfeld;* 2, *Bovile;* 3, *Gowsell;* 4, *Albany* Earl of *Arundell.* In the second, 1, *Wingfield;* 2, *Bovile;* 3, *Gowsell;* 4, *Fitz-Allen* Earl of *Arundell;* 5, *Baron* of *Clun;* 6, *Albany* Earl of *Arundell;* 7, *Kivelioc* Earl of *Chester;* 8, *Meschines* Earl of *Carlisle;* 9, *Lupus* Earl of *Chester;* 10, *Hamlin Plantaginet* Earl *Warren* and *Surry;* 11, Earl *Warren* and *Surry;* 12, *Theould,* Marshal of *England;* 13, The Earl-Marshal; 14, *Strongbow* Earl of *Pembroke;* 15, *Macmorrow* King of *Linster* in *Ireland;* 16, *Dorward;* 17, *Coxall;* 18, *Harsike;* 19, *Calye;* 20, *Wingfield.*

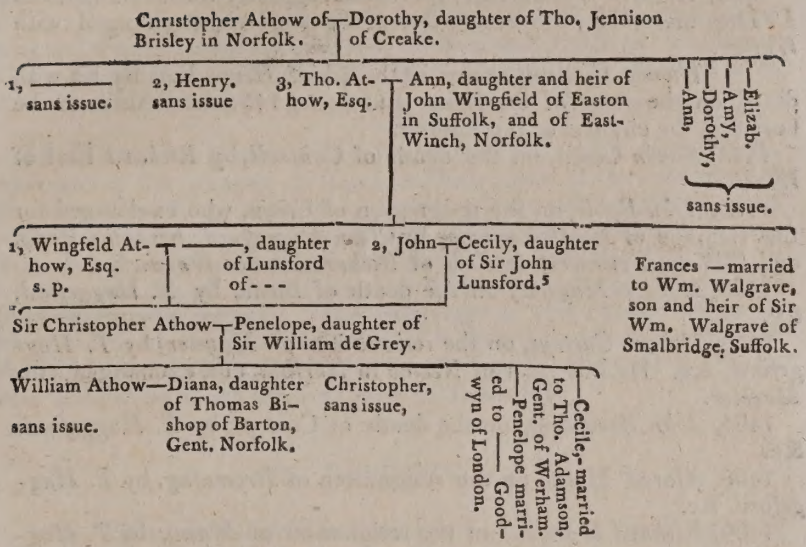
On the west end of the said monument was then, 1721, remaining this quartered shield. (*See Plate* I. *fig.* 1).—1, *Sable,* a chevron between three carpenters squares, *argent, Athow;* 2, *ermin,* a bend gobonated, *argent* and *sable, Curson;* 3, *argent,* on a bend, *gules,* between two bendlets, or cottises, *sab.* three hawk lures, or wings conjoined, *Wingfield;*—4, Quarterly, *or* and *sable, Bovile* of *Suffolk,* whose heiress was married to the *Wingfelds;*—5, *Barry* of six *or* and *gules,* a canton, *ermine, Gawsell: Elizabeth,* daughter and heiress of Sir *Robert Gawsell,* was married to *Ant. Wingfeld,* Esq.; 6, *Barry* of eight, *or* and *gules, Fitz-Allen* Earl of *Arundel: Helena, daughter* and coheir of *Thomas Fitz-Allen* Earl of *Arundel* was first married to

Thomas Moubray Duke of *Norfolk*, and after to Sir *Robert Goushill*; 7, Party per fess, *azure* and *argent*, *Fitz-Allen* Baron of *Clun*; 8, Gules, a lion rampant, *or*, *Albany* Earl of *Arundel*; 9, *azure*, three garbs, *argent*, *Kivelioc* Earl of *Chester*;—10, *or*, lion rampant, tail erect, *gules*, *Meschines* Earl of *Carlisle*;—11, *azure*, a wolf's head erased, *argent*, *Lupus* Earl of *Chester*;—12, *seme* of *France* in a bordure of *England*, *Hamlin Plantaginet* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*;—13, checq. *or* and *azure*, Earl *Warren* and *Surry*;—14, *gules*, a bend fusilly, *or*, *William Marshal* Earl of *Pembroke*, called the Old Marshal of *England*, from his office; and having three sons successively in that office after him;—15, *or*, three chevronells, *gules*, and a label of five points, *azure*, *Richard Strongbow* Earl of *Pembroke*, whose daughter and heir *Isabell*, was married to *William Marshal* Earl of *Pembroke*;—16, *sable*, three garbs, *argent*, *Mac Murough*, or (as others say) *Diarmuid* King of *Lemster*, in *Ireland*, whose daughter *Eva* (with the county of *Lemster*) was given in marriage to *Richard Strongbow* Earl of *Pembroke*;—17, *ermine* on a chevron, *sable*, three crescents, *or*, *Dorward* of *Essex*;—18, *argent*, a cross between four escallops, *sable*, *Coggeshall* of *Essex*;—19, *or*, a chief indented *sable*, *Harsike* of *Norfolk*;—20 Checq. *or* and *gules*, a bend, *ermine*, *Calye*, or *Clifton* of *Norfolk*.

This church (as I have observed) is now in ruins; weeds, briars, elders, &c. growing therein, and lies open for cattle, &c. to enter. Its fall was owing to this; the lords of the manor of *Well-Hall* having the privilege of burial in the chancel, were obliged, by immemorial custom, to keep in repair that part of the chancel to which their burial-place belonged; and, on the conveyance of the lordship to the late lords, this being contested, and not set aright in time, not only the chancel, but the whole church fell by this neglect; and the aforesaid elegant monument, being by this means exposed to all injuries, is now ruined, and beat into pieces: and it is a matter of very great concern, that monuments set up in sacred places should be thus violated, when they serve also for many noble ends and services; being the best of evidences to prove descents and pedigrees; memorials to put men in mind of their own mortality, and examples, whereby men may be incited to imitate those virtues which have rendered others honourable and praise-worthy. This monument was in memory of *Thomas Athow*, Esq. serjeant at law,[4] who was buried here *September* —, 1630, and of *Ann* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Wingfeld*, Esq. who brought, by marriage, the above-observed noble quartered coats into the *Athow* family.—The *Athows* were a very ancient family.—*William Atte Howe* flourished in the reign of King *Henry* III. and died in his pilgrimage to St. *James* of *Compostella* in *Spain*, leaving *Richard Atte Howe*, his son and heir, under age, a ward to *Thomas de Snyterton*; which *Richard* held lands in *Sengham* and *Taterford*, by knight's service. *Rot. Assis.* 68. 15 *Ed. I.*

[4] In 1611, Serjeant Athow repaired several years. this church, after it had been useless

ATHOW'S PEDIGREE.



In the yard near to the church, lies a good bell on the ground, with these arms,—*ermin*, three bells, and this inscription in old characters; —*Dulcis Melis sisto Camp'a Vocar Mich'is.*[6]

RECTORS.

Martin, who styles himself rector of *Great Bicham*, (probably of this church,) and grants land to *Ralph de Caldecote*, by deed, dated *Ao.* 45 of *Henry*, son of King *John*.

In 1295, *Robert de Benhale* occurs rector of *Bicham-Well*, of *Rishton* and *Keleshale*.[7]

1312, *William de Maundevilla*, presented by *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*. The capital lords of the fee always reserved (as appears) the patronage of this church to themselves, till it came to the Crown.

1313, *Roger de Estdone*, by *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*.

1322, *Robert de Hoton*, by the King, on the rebellion of *Roger* Lord *Damory*.

1323, *William de Arundel*, by the Lord *Hugh Le Despencer*, junior.

1331, *William de Wells*, on the resignation of *Arundel*, by the Lord *William Zouch* of *Glamorgan*.

1371, *Ralph Cook*, on the resignation of *Wells*, by *Robert Perle*, *William Strete*, and *Thomas Mortimer*, attornies-general to *Edward*

[5] Lunsford bore az. a chevron, between 3 boars heads, couped, or.

[6] Campana Michaelis.

[7] Lib. Instit. Norwic.

Lord *Le Despencer.* This *Ralph*, by his will dated in 1392, desires to be buried in the chancel of this church.[8]

1393, *Geffrey Walker*, by the lady *Elizabeth Le Despencer.*

1395, *Richard Wormbridge, vel Wormbrugge*, by the lady *Elizabeth Le Despencer.* He was chancellor of *Landaff*, and exchanged with *Walker.*

Thomas Cantrell occurs in the 3d of *Henry* V. By his will, dated on the feast of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, 1434, he desires to be buried in the chancel of this church.

1435, *Simon Cosyn*, on the death of *Cantrell*, by *Richard* Earl of *Warwick.*

1449, *John Boole*, on the resignation of *Cosyn*, who exchanged for the vicarage of *North Elmham*, by *Tho. Huggeford, Nicholas Rody*, and *William Berkswell*, feoffees of *Richard* Earl of *Warwick.*

1458, *Robert Mayster*, on the death of *Boole*, by *T. Huggeford*, &c.

1459, *Bobert Curteys*, on the resignation of *Mayster*, by *T. Huggeford*, &c. He was vicar of *Necton* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Mayster.*

1465, *John Browning*, on the death of *Curteys*, by *T. Huggeford*, &c.

1468, *Alared Massy*, on the resignation of *Browning*, by *T. Huggeford*, &c.

1469, *Richard Morston*, on the resignation of *Massy*, by *T. Huggeford*, &c. who exchanged for the church of *Moose*, in the diocese of *London.*

1509, *William Smith*, on the death of the last rector, by the King. This church was then valued at 12 marks.—

1532, *Peter Garnet*, on the death of *Smith*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Wiltshire.*

1557, *Thomas Watson*, on the death of *Garnet*, by King *Philip* and Queen *Mary.* In Archbishop *Parker's* Certificatorium, he was styled, *Dns. Tho. Watson, presbyter conjugatus, satis doctus, residet, hospitalis ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*[9] Rector also of St. *John, Beecham-Well*, and *Shingham.*

Christopher Watson.

1583, *Richard Downes*, on the resignation of *Watson*, by the Queen: in 1603, in his answer to the King, he returned 224 communicants in this town.

1611, *John Burton*, A. M. by the King

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1645, *Thomas Cabeck*, A. M. of *Pembroke*-hall in *Cambridge*, by the King, on the resignation of *Knowles.*

1655, *Mapted Violet.*

1676, *Thomas Ibbot*, on the death of *Violet*, by the King.

1684, *William Constable*, by the King.

1686, *Thomas Ibbot iterum*, by the King.

1696, *William Whitby*, by the King; see in *Bexwell.*

1706, *John Richardson*, A. M. by the Queen.

1723, *Tho. Ibbot* again, (by the King,) vicar of *Swaffham*, and rector of St. *Mary Beacham*, &c. educated at *Cleare*-hall, *Cambridge.*

[8] Reg. Harsyke, p. 175.

[9] In Bennet Coll. Libr. Camb.

John Walpole, by will, in 1433, bequeaths a legacy to the guild of St. *Ann* in this church.[1]

Peter Langwade, Capellan, gives, by will, dated 4 *Nov.* 1446, to this church, 4 marks to buy a silver cup.[2]

This church is a rectory, valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* discharged of tenths and first fruits; being (as given in) of clear value, 29*l. per annum.*—Old valor, 12 marks.—Prior of St. *Noet's* portion, at 4*s.* 5*d.*—Prior of *Stoke's*, at 20*s.* *Peter*-pence, 15*d.*

ST. JOHN. This church (which is now in ruins) stands on the north-west part of the township of *Beecham-Wells*; part of the north wall of the nave is standing, as is part of the four-square tower, as high as the sounding windows; which tower and church was built of flint, &c. The church, as appears from the foundation, was about 66 feet in length; and, on the site of the church some poor people have made themselves little cottages. The patronage of this church seems to have belonged always to the lords of *Well-hall*; and they who held that lordship of the capital lord, presented to it. *Hugh de St. Philebert* was patron about the beginning of *Edward* I.

RECTORS.

1304, *Robert de Suthfeld* to the 3d part of *Becham*, by *Gregory de Felmingham.*

1326, *Martin Wolwan*, presented by *Robert de Welle.*

1349, *Ralph de Brome de Skelyngham*, presented by *John de Benested.*

Peter de Baldeswell occurs rector 27th of *Edward* III.[3]

1354, *William Walwyne*, on the resignation of *Baldeswell*, (by *John de Denham,*) who exchanged for the rectory of *Gunton* in *Lothingland.*

1359, *William de Leightone*, on the resignation of *Walwyn*, on an exchange for the vicarage of *Neketon, Norfolk*, by *John de Denham.*

1364, *Robert Warrener*, on the resignation of *Leighton*, by *John de Denham.*

1367, *William Kemp*, on the resignation of *Warrener*, by *John de Denham.*

1373 *Ralph Chercheman* of *Neketon*, on the resignation of *Kemp*, on an exchange for a mediety of *Wetherdon* in *Suffolk*, by *John de Denham.*

1374, *William Alefounder*, on the resignation of *Cherchman*, by *John de Denham.*

1420, *John Grymeston*, by *William Paston, John Alderford, Thomas Stedhagh:* he was also rector of St. *Mary, Beecham-Well.*

Adam Cooke.

1458, *John Flytcham*, on the resignation of *Cooke*, on an exchange for the church of *Holkham, Norfolk.* He was after vicar of *Goodeston*; by *Ralph Lovell*, Esq.

1460, *Thomas Cely*, on the resignation of *Flytcham*, by *Ralph Lovell*, Esq.

[1] Reg. Surflete, P. 134.
[2] Reg. Aleyn, P. 17.
[3] Rot. Cart. Civit. Norwic.

1467, *Richard Lethom,* canon-regular, on the resignation of *Cely,* by *R. Lovell,* Esq.

1468, *William More,* on the death of *Lethom,* by *Ralph Lovell,* Esq.

1475, *Thomas Baldewyn,* on the resignation of *More,* by *Ralph Lovell,* Esq.—This rectory was then valued at 2*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

1479, *John Rysum,* on the death of *Baldwyn,* by *William Hermer* of *Beecham-Well,* Gent.

1484, *Gilbert Cowper,* collated by the Bishop of *Norwich hâc vice.*

1485, *Bartholomew Mekyll,* by *Jeffrey Flode,* Gent. of the King's bedchamber, and *Catherine* his wife.

1487, *William Chapman,* on the death of *Mekyll,* by Sir *Thomas Lovell.*

1496, *Richard Westgate,* on the death of *Chapman,* by Sir *Thomas Lovell.*

1506, *Richard Wynstanley,* on the death of *Westgate,* by Sir *Thomas Lovell.*

1546, *Peter Garnet,* on the death of the last rector, by Sir *Thomas Lovell.*

1557, *Thomas Watson,* on the death of *Garnet,* by Sir *Thomas Lovel* of *East-Harling;* see in *Beecham, All-Saints.*

1587, *Edward Smithe,* by the Queen, a lapse.

1596, *John Williamson,* A. B. by the Queen, a lapse.

1604, *John Sherwin,* A. M. by *Robert Lovell.* He was rector of *Ickburgh, Oxburgh,* &c. *Norfolk.*

1613, *John Canham,* A. M. by *Thomas Athow.*

1615, *William Leeds,* on the resignation of *Canham,* by *Thomas Athow,* serjeant-at-law.

1623, *Clement Athow,* by *Thomas Athow,* Esq. He was buried 12 *April,* 1655.

1660, *Thomas Wolsey;* he was fellow of St. *John's* college, *Cambridge,* and presented by the King, (on the death of the last rector, by lapse. He was afterwards rector of *Thornhaugh, Northamptonshire;* archdeacon of *Northampton,* 1679, and D. D.

1680, *Thomas Ibbot,* A. M. by *Mary Wells,* widow: see in *Beecham, All-Hallows.*

1737, *Robert Say,* A. M. the present rector, (was the vicar also of *Swaffham,*) on *Ibbot's* death, by the Bishop, a lapse.

Here was in this church, in 1420, the guild of St. *John,* and paid *Peter*-pence, 8*d.*

It is a rectory, valued at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* discharged of first fruits and tenths, together with the rectory of St. *Mary,* to which it was consolidated in 1686, and is of the yearly value of 48*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

St. Mary. This church stands at the east end of the township of *Beacham-Wells;* it has a nave, with a south isle annexed, and a chancel, built of flint stone, boulder, &c. The nave is in length about 29 feet, and in breadth, with the south isle, about 26. On the pavement, near the east end, lies a gray marble, on which is a demi-portraiture of a priest, hands erect and conjoined; and, on a brass plate, this inscription:

Hic jacet Dns. Johes. Grimston quonda. rector isti' ecclie. qui obiit

viii *die mens. Novemb. anno Dni.* M.CCCC.XXX. *cuj' aie. p'pitietur Deus, Amen.*

In a north window, near the pulpit, is this shield; *(see Plate* I. *fig.* 2.*)—azure,* a lion rampart, *or,* bearing in his dexter paw a cross croslet bottony, fitché, *argent, Beckingham,* as I take it. This nave is covered with reed, and has a porch annexed to it, covered with tile. At the west end of the nave is a round tower of flint, &c. On this (which rises as high as the roof of the nave) is raised an octangular one, (and on that a shaft, covered with lead, is a weathercock) and one bell. There was a church here in the time of the Conqueror, as appears from the *Domesday-Book;* and *Harold,* as we there find, had the soc of that manor to which this church belonged. The south isle, which has been erected not many centuries, is covered with lead, and has served for some chapel to a chantry priest. On the pavement before the east-end, lies a gray marble, with the portraiture of a priest, vested for the altar; but the plate of brass, with the inscription, and other brass ornaments, are now reaved. The chancel is separated from the nave, by an old wooden screen, and is about 26 feet in length, and 13 in breadth, covered with reed. The communion table is railed in, and has an ascent of two steps. In the upper south window are the figures of St. *Augustine,* and St. *Dunstan,* the archbishops, painted in the glass. On the north side is a vestry, having a stone stair case, by which it appears here was formerly a room over it, but the floor is now taken away; this is covered with lead. Some years past, Mr. *Ibbot* the rector found under the pavement of the chancel two pieces of alabaster about two feet each in length; one piece had the effigies of two persons taking down our Saviour from the cross, that of the Virgin, and St. *John* standing by the cross; the other had that of St. *Peter,* with a key and a book in his hands; they had been curiously gilt and painted, were well carved, and no doubt were buried here, (about the time of the Reformation,) as are many other such-like figures, most probably in other churches.

That there was a church here, and endowed with 30 acres of land, at the conquest, appears from the general survey; the patronage of it was then belonging to that manor, which *Roger Bigot* held, which is now called the manor of *Chervill's,* and it continues in the said lordship at this day.

RECTORS.

John de Bicham occurs rector about 1278.

Vincent, rector.[4]

1306, *Robert de Chervyle,* by *Roger de Cherville.*

1329, *Walter Chervyle* de *Bycham-Welle,* presented by *Roger de Chervile.*

1346, *Thomas Henod,* on the resignation of *Chervyle,* on an exchange for the rectory of *Wood-Bastwick, Norfolk,* by *Roger de Chervile.*

1349, *Thomas Chervyll,* by *Roger de Chervile.*

[4] Vincent subscribed himself Parson of Bicham, in a deed, *sans* date, of Mark de Chevervile. Evid. Bedingf.

1384, *John Mannyng*, by *John Chircheman*, citizen of *London*, *William Bys*, citizen and stock-fishmonger of *London*, *William Parson* of St. *Martin's Orgar*, *London*, and *Jeffrey de Compton*.

1425, *John Grymeston*, by *Christian*, late wife of *Richard Grace*.

1430, *John Sonowe*, (on the death of *Grymston*,) by *Thomas Mannyng* of *Elyngham Magna*.

Robert Langwade, occurs rector in 1448.

1476, *Thomas Horn*, on the death of *Langwade*, by *Henry Spelman*. This church was then valued at 5 marks.

1506, *John Lyster*, on the death of *Horn*, by *Henry Wyat*, Esq. on account of the wardship of *John Spilman*.

1532, *William Mynshew*, on the death of the last rector, by Sir *Hen: Spylman*, Knt.

1540, *David Dawson*, on the death of *Minshew*, by *Anthony Gurney*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1543, *Peter Garnet*, on the deprivation of *Dawson*, by *Thomas Dethick*, Esq. *Francis Spilman*, *William Dethick*, Gents. and *William Gilliot*, clerk, on a grant of the presentation from *Ant. Gurny*, Esq. &c. He was rector also of *All-Saints*.

1556, *Henry Wilsonne*, on the death of *Garnet*, by *Thomas Gray*, Esq. *Presbiter conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, residet, hospitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*[5]

1562, *Edward Croft*, A. M. on the death of *Wilsonne*, by *Temperance Gray*, widow.

1571, *Robert Lawson*, on the resignation of *Croft*, by *Robert Gray*, Esq.

1581, *Richard Downes*, A. B. on the resignation of *Lawson*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, by lapse; rector also of *All-Saints*. In his answer to the King's queries, 1603, he says, there were 224 communicants in the township here.

1616, *Nathan. Garey*, A. M. by Sir *William Grey*, on the death of the last rector. He had a wife and several children, and was sequestered, and suffered much in the time of usurpation.

1655, *Mapted Violett*.

1676, *Thomas Ibbot*, A. M. on the death of *Violet*, by *Eliz. de Grey*. See in *Allhallows* church.

1737, *Robert Say*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

In a will, dated in 1430, mention is made of St. *Ann's* guild in this town,[6] probably belonging to this church.

Christian Grace, by her will, dated in 1427, and proved the 9th of *March* in the said year, desires to be buried in the church of St. *Mary, Bycham-Well*, near her husband, *Richard Grace*; appoints her son *William* executor.[7]

John Manning of *Ellingham Magna*, by his will dated 4 *July*, 1430, desires to be here buried.

John Fox, rector of *Shingham*, buried here 22 *March*, 1624.

This church is valued at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* discharged of tenths and first fruits, and is valued with St. *John's* at 48*l. per ann.* clear value.—The old valor of this church was 5 marks; *Peter*-pence 8*d.*

[5] Parkeri Certificat. in Biblioth. Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant.

[6] Reg. Surflete, p. 63.

[7] Reg. Surflete, p. 15.

BUCKTON, OR BOUGHTON,

CALLED *Buchetuna* in *Domesday*, from a winding water or rivulet, that divides it from *Barton* and *Oxburgh*, or from that large pond on the hill, in the centre of the town, and then consisted of two lordships, *Over-Hall* and *Nether-Hall*. Thus *Buxton*, or *Buckston*, in *South Erpingham* hundred, is wrote *Buchestuna* in *Domesday Book*; also *Buckworth*, and *Buckbroke*.

OVER-HALL.

On *Turchill's* deprivation, this lordship was granted by the Conqueror to *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*; it consisted of a carucate, and 24 acres of land, 5 villains, 2 servi, 10 acres of meadow, and a carucate in demean, one runcus, 4 cows, &c. and 126 sheep; 5 socmen belonged to it, with 12 acres, and *Ralph* held it under *Rainald*; it was valued at 40*s*. at the survey at 62*s*. and 6*d*. All the town was 5 furlongs long, and four broad, and paid 8*d*. to a 20*s*. gelt.[8]

From *Rainald*, the capital lord, it came to the Earls of *Clare*; and, by inquisitions taken in the reign of King *Henry* III. *Richard Fitz-Simon* was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Earl of *Clare*; the said *Richard* had also a carucate of the King, paying 6 marks *per ann.* into the Exchequer.[9] This was the land of *William Bygod*, eschaeted to the King; which 6 marks seem to be granted afterwards to *Miles de Brompton*, who, with *Beatrix* his wife, in the 3d of *Edward* I. released all their right in the said land, and the rent of 6 marks *per ann.* aforesaid, to *Richard*.

After this, *Roger*, son of *Hugh de Buckton*, seems to be lord, who gave, by deed, *sans* date, to the abbey of *West-Derham*, lands in the field of *Kyppehow*, and the liberty of half a foldcourse here, as appears by his deed, sealed with a de-lis.[1]

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Thomas de Hindringham* possessed it; and, in the 5th year of *Edward* III. *Margaret de Hindringham* gave by her deed, dated on *Sunday* before the feast of St. *Catherine*, to her sister *Agnes*, and her heirs, the reversion of this manor, which *Nickolaa*, relict of Sir *Thomas de Hindringham*, holds for life, they being sisters and coheirs to the said Sir *Thomas*. This *Agnes* was (as I conceive) the wife of *John de Wyleby*, or *Wilbey*, in the 17th of the said King. It appears, that a fine was then levied between *John de Wylbegh*, and

[8] Terr. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—Buchetuna ten. Turchillus T. R. E. m°. ten. Ran' semp. i. car. tre. et xxiiii. ac. et v. vill. tc. ii. serv. semp. x. ac. pt'i. et i. car. in dnio. semp. i. runc. et iiii. an. et viii. por. CXXVI. ov. Huic man°. jac. v. soch. d. xii. ac. tc. val. XL. sol. m°. LXII. et vi*d*.—Tot. Buchet. ht. v. qr. in long. et iiii. in lat. et redd. viii*d*. de xx. sol. de gelt Reg.——*Domesd. Lib.*

[9] Rot. Hund. de Clackl. 3 Ed. I. in Cur. Receptor. Sccij.——Fin. 3 Ed. I. L. 1, N. 46.

[1] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, Baroni.

Agnes his wife, querents, and *John* his son, *Robert de Wylbegh*, parson of *Ketelburgh*, and *Alexander*, parson of *Horsham*, deforcients, of this lordship; and, in the 20th of the said reign, *John de Wilbey* was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, which *Richard Fitz-Simon* formerly held.

In the 35th of *Edward* III. *William de Wilbey*, second son of *John*, kept his court as lord, on *Monday* before the feast of St. *Michael*; and, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John de Wilby* occurs lord. After this, *Richard Tooth* of *Werham*, and *Mary* his wife, grant it to *Roger Davy*, and *Alice* his wife, and *John Davy*, Esq. his son, of *Tofts*, by *Bircham*; on his death, it descended to *Margery*, wife of *Alexander Marshall*, one of the daughters and heirs of *Alice Charles*, daughter and heir of *John Davy*; which *Alexander* and *Margery* held a court here, in the 27th of *Henry* VI. ————. Her daughter and heir *Elizabeth* brought it by marriage to *David Orrell*, whose son, Sir *Lewis Orrell*, sold it to *George Monox*, Esq. citizen and alderman (afterwards Knt. and Lord Mayor) of *London*, who kept his court here, *October* 18, in the 18th of *Henry* VIII. as did *Thomas Monox*, Esq. in the 25th of the said King. After this it came to the *Lovels*, lords of *Nether-Hall*; and Sir *Thomas Lovell* of *Herling* sold it, in the 24th of Queen *Elizabeth*, to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. serjeant at law, and afterwards lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, by the marriage of whose grand-daughter it came to *Robert Rich* Earl of *Warwick*. From this family it was sold, about the beginning of King *Charles* the First's reign, to Sir *John Hare* of *Stow Bardolf*, whose immediate heir and descendant, Sir *Geo. Hare*, Bart. was the late lord.

NETHER-HALL.

Ailed was lord of this manor in the Confessor's time, but at the survey, *Ralph Baniard*, a *Norman* baron. In *Ailed's* time, there was one carucate, 5 borderers, but *Baniard* had 7, one slave, one carucate in demesne, and one among the tenants; but at the survey, half a carucate, and 6 acres of meadow, &c. To this belonged a church, endowed with 20 acres, valued at 20*d*. the lordship was worth 40*s*. *per ann.* and 7 socmen belonged to it, who held lands, &c. valued at 10*s*. *per ann.*[2]

William Lord *Baynard*, rebelling against King *Henry* I. forfeited it, and that King gave it to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, ancestor to the Earls of *Clare*. From this *Robert*, the noble family of *Fitz-Walter*, Barons of the realm, descended. By the inquisitions, in the time of King *Henry* III. *John de Aula* (or *Hall*) was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of *Robert*, Lord *Fitz-Walter*; and in the said family it was, in the 3d of *Edward* I.

In the 21st of *Edward* III. *John de Aula*, son of *Robert de Aula*, gave to *John de Well*, citizen of *Norwich*, and *John Hall*, chaplain of *Bukton*, a messuage, with a croft, and all his lands, rents, reliefs, eschaests;

[2] Terr. Rad. Baniardi. — Bucheruna ten. Ailid, i. car. tre. tc. v. bord. m°. vii. tc. i. serv. sem. i. car. in dnio. tc. i. car. hom. m°. dim. et vi. acr. p'ti. semp. i. runc. et i. vacc. tc. xi. porc. semp. c. oves et i. eccles. xx. ac. xx*d*. et val xL. sol. Huic maner. jac. ad soch. vii. soc. xxx. ac. ter. et iiii. acr. p'ti. et i. car. et val. x. sol. *Domesd.*

but, in the 24th of that King, Sir *Rober de Caston* was lord, his bailiff giving in his accounts for it, on the feast of St *Margaret*.[3]

On the vigil of St. *Bartholomew*, in the 37th of said reign, *Richard Fransham*, rector of *Aylmerston*, kept his court as lord. Soon afte this, it was in the family of the *Lovels* of *Barton Bendish*. *Thoma Lovell*, Esq. by his last will, dated *August* 16, 1421, wills this manor, &c. to remain in his feoffees hands till his debts be paid, which descended to him from his father *William*. In this family it remained till Sir *Thomas Lovell* sold it to *Gaudy*, and so came after to the *Hares*; Sir *George Hare* being the late lord.

The lete was in Sir *Geo. Hare*, Bart lord of the hundred.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is an ancient building, built of flint and boulder; the nave is about 36 feet in length, and about 23 in breadth, covered with thatch; at the west end stands a four square tower of the aforesaid materials, embattled, with quoins &c. ornamented with 4 pinnacles of free stone; on this a spire of wood covered with lead: this tower was erected about the year 1416, when *John Elvered*, rector of *Oxburgh*, left, by will, 3*s*. 4*d*. to the new tower here, in which hang 3 bells. The chancel is in length about 25 feet, and in breadth about 16, covered with thatch, &c. and the communion table is railed in. On the top of the spire was a cross, which, in 1644, was taken down, and the churchwarden then paid 3*s*. 4*d*. on that account, and charged in his rates, as he did 6*s*. 8*d*. for one *Gatly's* taking a view of the church,[4] and charged 2*s*. for going to *Lynn* to take the covenant.

RECTORS.

Roger de Hingham, rector here in the reign of *Henry* III. gave considerable lands to the abbey of *West Derham*, with his body to be buried there.[5]

Philip de Brancaster occurs rector in the 23d of *Edward* I.[6]

1329, *John de Brakkele*, by the prior of *Dunmow*.[7]

1330, *John Baas*, on *Brakkele's* resignation. *Ditto.*

1349, *William Mulcent*. *Ditto.*

Robert Helm occurs rector in 1368.[8]

1404, *John Smith*. *Ditto*; he succeeded *Helm*, and was also rector of *Linford*.

1408, *Robert Chapman*, on the resignation of *Smith*; he was rector of *Assewardy* in *Lincolnshire*, and exchanged with *Smith*.

Robert Lecy, rector.

John occurs rector in 1427.

John Chelton, by the prior, &c. in 1441.

William Wickham.

1447, *Simon Tew*, on *Wickham's* resination. *Ditto.*

[3] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare.

[4] This view was to break in pieces the portraitures of saints in the windows; the Orate pro anima, on gravestones, &c.

[5] West-Derham Ledger.

[6] Pryn's Hist. Johs. &c. about this time, the rector had a mansion, and 30 acres of glebe; the prior of Dunmow was patron.

[7] Lib. Institut. Norwic.

[8] Evid. Dni. Hen. Bedingfd. Bti.

William Tuee.

1461, *William Baskervyle,* on *Tew's* death. *Ditto.*

1464, *John Wenham,* on *Baskervyle's* resignation. *Ditto.*

1467, *John Stradset,* a canon regular, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich,* by lapse.

John Tassel.

1481, *John Rawghton,* decret. bacc. on *Tassel's* death.

1483, *William Byshop,* on *Rawghton's* resignation.

1490, *Henry Botheby,* on *Byshop's* resignation, by *John,* prior of *Dunmow;* vicar also of *Stow Bardolf.*

John Ratcliff, rector also of *Attleburgh* 3d part. He died 1524.

Mr. *Alexander.*

1530, *Robert Martyn,* on the resignation of *Alexander,* by *Brytton,* L. L. D. he paid *Alexander* a pension of 10*l. per annum* for life

1544, *Roger Forman,* on *Martyn's* resignation, by *Robert Huntley.* —*Forman* was the last abbot of *West Derham.*

1548, *Robert Halman,* on *Forman's* death, by *Henry Ratcliff* Earl of *Sussex,* who, on the dissolution of *Dunmow* priory, obtained the advowson of the King. He was also rector of *Colneston;* and in 1553, was deprived, being a married priest [9]

1554, *John Lane,* by the Earl of *Sussex.*

1560, *John Toller,* on the death of *Lane*;[1] rector also of St. *Mary* in the Marsh at *Norwich,* and petty canon in the cathedral. In 1563, presented to the rectory of *Spixworth* in *Norfolk.*

1574, *Thomas Carre,* on *Toller's* death, by *John Flower,* A. B. *hâc vice.*

1589, *Elias Commeliche.*—In his answer to King *James's* quæries in 1603, he says, there were 60 communicants here; that he held the vicarage of *Stradset* with this rectory, being A. B.

1612, *Alexander Ames,* A. B. on the death of the last rector, by *Richard Swan, hâc vice.*

1617, *Thomas Winter,* A. B. on the resignation of the last rector, by *John Winter, hâc vice.*

1645, *James Bradley,* A. M. on *Winter's* death, by *Ralph Eltonhead,* Esq.

1677, *Henry Meriton,* A. M. on *Bradley's* death, by Sir *John Marsham,* Bart. and *Matthew Pinder,* Esq. rector also of *Oxburgh.*

1683, *Henry Meriton,* junior, A. M. on the resignation of *Henry Meriton,* senior, by *Matthew Clerk,* trustee of *Henry Meriton,* who purchased the advowson of ——— *Dashwood,* Esq. he was afterwards rector of *Lutterworth* and *Pratling Parva,* in *Leicestershire.*

1687, *John Meriton,* A. M. on the resignation of *Henry Meriton,* junior, by *H. Meriton,* senior, rector of *Oxburgh.*

1717, *Charles Parkin,* A. M. on the death of *Meriton,* by Mrs. *Mary Meriton,* rector also of *Oxburgh.*

This is a rectory, valued in the King's Books at 10*l. per annum,* and being in clear value, 49*l.* is discharged of first fruits.

[9] MSS. Miscellan. in Regist. Episc. Norwic. p. 43.

[1] Dno. Johs. Toller presbyter non conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, non residet, non hospitalis; in eccles. cathedr. Norwic. non prædicat, nec licentiatus. duo. Archbishop Parker's Certificat. in Corp. Xti. Coll. Camb.

Gilbert Earl of *Clare* confirmed the gift of *Richard Fitz-Simon* of two parts of the tithe of his demense land here to *Stoke juxta Clare*, and 5*s.* rent *per annum.*[2]

The spiritualities of the priory of *Dunmow*, were valued at 20*s.* a portion of tithe given that house, probably on its foundation, by the Lord *Baynard.*

The temporalities of the prior of *Shouldham*, in 1428, were valued at 3*l.* 10*s*, *per annum;* most of this came to the *Bedingfields*, with the grant of the manor of *Cavenham* in *Werham*, by King *Henry* VIII. the prior's manor there extended into this town,

The abbot of *Derham's* temporalities at 3*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* in 1428. This was land of the fee of *Winwaloe* priory, and held by the *Lovels* of *Barton*, of the abbot.

The spiritualities of *Westminster* abbey at 20*s.*

The tenths were 4*l.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.* on account of the lands held by the religious, and charged to them.

BEXWELL

TAKES its name from a spring or well in the town, and a beck, or run of water, that has its rise from it, called, in the *Saxon* age, *Bechesuuella* and *Bekesuuella.*—In that age, it was part of the possessions of the monastery of *Ely.* At the grand survey, St. *Audrey* (that is the church of *Ely*) held one servus, a carucate in domain, and one amongst the tenants, 7 villains, one servus, 10 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s. per annum.*[3]

This lordship of *Bexwell* was held in the 12th of *Henry* II. by *William de Bekeswell* of *Nigell* Bishop of *Ely*, by half a fee;[4] and the ancestor of this *William* was enfeoft thereof, in the time of King *Henry* I. the lordship appears in the reign of *Henry* III. to consist of two moieties; one of them was held in the 41st of that reign by *William de Bexwell*, who was then found to have the assise of beer and bread of his tenants: in the preceding year, the said King granted to this *William*, son of *William de Bexwell* and his heirs, free warren in all his domain lands here in *Ryston*, *Fordham*, *Wygenhale*, *Walsokne*, *Marham*, *Helegeye*, *Dunham*, *Crimplesham*, and *Fincham*, in *Norfolk*, a weekly mercate here on *Thursday*, and a fair to be held every year for 3 days, on *Monday* in *Whitsunday* week, and the two following days; dated at *Walsingham*, 17th of *March:* witnesses, *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, *G. de Luzignan*, the King's brother, Master *John Mansel*, *William de Grey*, *Nicholas de Turri*, *William de St. Ermer*, *Peter de Everard*, *Barth. le Bygod*, *William Gernun*, &c. which grant was

[2] Dudg. Monast. Angl. vol. iii. p. 369, 1006, 1073.

[3] Terr. Sce. Adeldrede.—In Bechesuuella i. car. tre. in dnio. et i. car. hom. vii. vill. i. serv. x. acr. pt'i. val. xx. sol.

[4] Lib. Rub. Sccij. p. 110.——Plac. Coron. 44 Hen. III. R. 18.

afterwards, on *June* 26, in the 4th of *Henry* IV. exemplified. Soon after, taking part with the rebellious barons, his estate was taken from him by the King, and given to *Jeff. de Scalarijs*;[5] but, in the 49th of the said King, he occurs lord, and *Peter de Bekeswell* is said to be his son and heir.—In the 3d of *Edward* I. the privileges above-mentioned, with wayfs, &c. and the lete here, and in *Ryston* and *Fordham*, were allowed to *William de Bekeswell*, and, in the 9th of *Edward* II. *John de Bexwell* was lord; and, in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. *Richard Bexwell*, alias *Shordich*.[6] In the 1st of *Edward* VI. *John Bexwell*, alias *Shordich*, died seized of it; in 1577, *Frances Bexwell* enjoyed it; and *Henry Bexwell*, Esq. dying in 1654, left it to his daughter and heir, *Frances* married to *Robert Aprice*, Esq. of *Washingly* in *Huntingdonshire*, who conveyed it to Sir *John Holland* of *Quidenham*, in *Norfolk*, Bart. and from that family, it came to *John Holt*, Esq. of *Redgrave* in *Suffolk* about the beginning of the reign of King *George* I. in which family it remains.

The other moiety seems to be held by *Hermerus de Bekeswell*, in the 4th of King *John*, when *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* had the dower of *Sibill* his wife, assigned him here, she being the relict of *Peter de Bekeswell*.[7] This seems to be held by *Richard de Almany* and *Gundreda* his wife, and *Matilda de Dean*, in the time of *Henry* III.; and, in the 6th of *Edward* I. a fine was levied between *Hugh* Bishop of *Ely*, querent, and *Stephen de Bekeswell* and *Gundreda* his wife, deforcients, of the advowson of the church here, and an acre of land, granted to the Bishop, quit of the heirs of *Gundreda*. About this time, *Stephen de Mushill*, (who gave name to a house in the parish,) *Stephen de Dunneby*, and *John de Deen*, held a messuage, and 120 acres of land, with free tenants, villains, &c. of the Bishop of *Ely*, had free bull and boar, and assise of bread and beer of their tenants; but, in the 15th of the said King, a fine was levied between *Robert de Benhale*, querent, *John*, son of *Henry de Deen* of *Deen* in *Northamptonshire*, and *Maud* his wife, deforcients, of one messuage and lands here, in *Fordham*, *Ryston*, &c. (saving to *John* and *Maud* the capital messuage here, with the homages and services of the freemen and villains, and the dower of *Alice*, widow of *William de Bekeswell*, held of *Maud's* inheritance,) the advowson of *Ryston*, with the advowson of a moiety of *Fordham*, being granted to the aforesaid *Robert*, to be held of *John* and *Maud*, and the heirs of *Maud*, paying a rose yearly, and *Robert* granted to them in exchange all his lands in *Deen*; and, in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Henry de Dene* was lord.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *Hugh Catchare* of *Bekeswell*, and *Maud* his wife, querents, and *William Attemere*, &c. deforcients, of fifteen messuages, 188 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 29*s. per ann.* &c. rents, here, in *Ruston*, *Fordham*, &c. settled on *Hugh* and *Maud* for life, remainder to *Cecil*, and *Alice*, the daughter of *Hugh*; and by the inquisitions made in the 20th of that King, *John de Bexwell*, and *Henry de Deen* were found to hold the moiety of a fee of the Bishop of *Ely*, held formerly by *Richard de Almany* and his wife, and *Matilda de Deen*.

[5] Rot. Ragman. in Cur. Recept. Sccij.

[6] This John held of the Bishop of Ely, a manor by knight's service in this town, Downham, &c. 160 acres of land, 50 of meadow, 220 of pasture.

[7] Fin. Joh. L. 2. R. 98.—Reg. Ely, in Cotton Library, Claudius C. ii. Fol. 19.

After this, I find it possessed by *Edward Batchcroft*, in the time of *Henry* VII. and *William Bachecroft* of *Bexwell*, by his will, dated 8th of *March*, 1507, and proved 2d of *July* following, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of *Fincham* St. *Martin*, and gives 13*s.* 4*d.* to repair the steeple of *Bexwell*;[8] this manor here, with that of *Waterset*, in *Bexwell* (which he bought of Sir *Philip Tilney*) to his son and heir *Richard* (and his heirs) when he cometh to the age of 24 years, with all his manors in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, which were not his wife *Margaret's* jointure; appoints his brother *Gilbert Bachecroft*, and *John Fincham* of *Fincham*, executors, and his cousin *John Fincham* of *Outwell*, supervisor. *Richard*, his son and heir, died (seized of this moiety, and the manor of *Watersett*, held of the Bishop of *Ely*) *June* 27, 1549, and left by his wife *Margaret*, *Thomas* his son and heir, aged 12 years, who was lord in 1572, and *Richard Bachecroft* in 1642. In 1658, *Francis Bachecroft*, Esq. dying lord, his sisters and coheirs sold it to Sir *John Holland*, from which family it came to the *Holts*, as is above showed.

Hermerus de Ferrers had also a manor here, which, in the Confessor's time, consisted of a carucate of land, held by 7 freemen, and 3 carucates held by 3 bordarers; half a fish-pool, 5 acres of meadow, with a church endowed with 24 acres of land, valued at 16*d.* the whole was 12*s. per ann.*[9] This the said *Hermerus* seized, but the lord before him had only the protection of these freemen, &c.—*Roger Bigot* had also at the survey a lordship. *R.* son of *Erluin*, who held 20 acres, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* In the Confessor's time, a freeman held it of *Herold.* This lordship of *Hermerus de Ferrers*, and that of *Bigot*, came soon after to the Barons of *Wirmegey*, and made part of that honour, held by the Lords *Bardolf.*

In the 41st of *Henry* III. *William de Bekeswell* held half a carucate of *William* Lord *Bardolf*, and paid to him half a mark *per ann.* About the same time, *Robert Catt*, and *Margaret* his wife, held the 3d part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf.*[1] About the beginning of *Edward* the First's reign, *John de Mushill*, and *Nicholas de Stradsete* held here in dower, with his wife, a messuage, 46 acres of land, and 5 of meadow in domain of the said lord, paying 5*s. per ann.* and in the 14th of that King, a fine was levied between *Henry le Catt*, querent, and *Walter de Thorp*, deforcient, of messuages, lands, rents, 2 pools here, &c. which *Nicholas de Stradset*, and *Agnes* his wife held in dower, now conveyed to *Henry*, and this was held by the heirs of *Catt* in the 20th of *Edward* III.

In the 16th of *Henry* VI. *John Stourton*, and others, were pardoned for purchasing without license of the dean of *Wells*, 300 acres of land and meadow here, and in *Wroxham*, &c. held of the honour of *Wirmegeye.*—This afterwards came to the *Batchcrofts*, and so was united to the aforesaid lordships.

Rainold, son of *Ivo*, is also found to have a lordship here; two freemen which he seized on, who held land in the time of King

[8] Reg. Gyles, Norw. Fol. 29, 85.

[9] Invasion. Hermeri de Ferrers.—In Bekesuuella vii. lib. hom. de i. car. tre. sep. iii. bor. tc. iii. car. p' et m°. ii. dim. piscin. v. acr. prat. Ecc. xxiiii. ac. val. xvi*d.* tot. val. xi*s.* sol. de his hab. antecess. commend. tant.—Terr. Rog. Bigot. ——In Bekeswella i. lib. ho. sub Herolt xx. acr. terr. m°. ten. R. f. Erluini, et val. ii*s.* viii*d.*

[1] Fin. 14 Edw. I. L. 3. N. 158.—— Esch ad qd. damn. N. 52. 16 Hen VI

Edward, one of them 15 acres valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* the other 3 acres, valued at 6*d.*[2] Before this, the protection only of the first freeman was in his predecessor.

This land of *Rainold* came soon after to the Earls of *Clare*, and was, as I take it, part of the manor of *Crimplesham*, which extended into this town. In the reign of *Edward* I. *William Catchare* held one messuage, one carucate, and 18 acres of meadow in *Bekeswell*, in domain of the prior of *Shouldham*, paying 30*s. per ann.* and had a free bull and boar, assise of his tenants; the prior held of *Richard* Lord *Fitz John*, and he in *capite;* and, before this, the family of *Belet*, in the 52d of *Henry* III. possessed lands here, held of the Earl of *Clare*, and paying a quit-rent for the same of 10*s. per ann. Robert Belet* died seized of it, *Ao.* 8. *Edward* II. This came to the *Wesenhams*, and was conveyed by them to *John de Bekeswell*, and so became united to the then manor of *Bexwell. Robert Wesenham*, brother and heir of *Thomas*, son and heir of *Robert Wesenham* of *Bekeswell*, in the 9th of *Henry* VI. was lord.

Ralph Lord *Baynard* had also the grant of a lordship here, consisting of a carucate of land, held by 12 freemen, and 4 villains, with 3 carucates and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* One of the freemen who held 30 acres, was claimed by way of an exchange by the Earl *Warren.* All *Becheswell* is half a leuca long and half a one broad, pays 8*d.* towards a 20*s.* gelt.[3]

This Lord *Bainard's* manor lay principally in *Fincham*, and extended here, as I take it, and was forfeited by *William* Lord *Bainard*, in the reign of *Henry* I. The chief of this fee seems to have been united very early to the other manors. All the account I meet with is, that the *Finchams* of *Fincham* held lands here of the Earl *Warren.* About the beginning of *Edward* I. *William Catchare* held a parcel of arable land of *Step. de Dunneby*, and *John de Deen*, paying 2*s. per ann.* which *Step.* holds of *Roger de Well*, and *Roger* of the Earl *Warren.*[4] In the 23d of *Edward* I. a fine was levied between *John de Fincham*, and *Nicholas* his brother, querents, and *Thomas de la Chambre*, and *Margaret* his wife, deforcients, of messuages and lands here; and in the 45th of *Edward* III. *Steph. de Talbot* of *Fincham* was found to hold lands here; soon after, it is probable, the whole was united to the aforesaid manor.

The lete was formerly in the abbot of *Ramsey*, and was in Sir *Geo. Hare*, Bart. Lete fee sixpence halfpenny.

The tenths of this town, with *Ryston*, were 7*l.*—Deduct 1*l.*—Rem. 6*l.*

The temporalities of the prior of *Shouldham* here, were valued in 1428 at 30*s.*

The temporalities of the abbot of *Ramsey*, at 15*s.* and 2*d.*

The temporalities of the prior of *Westacre*, at 12*d.*

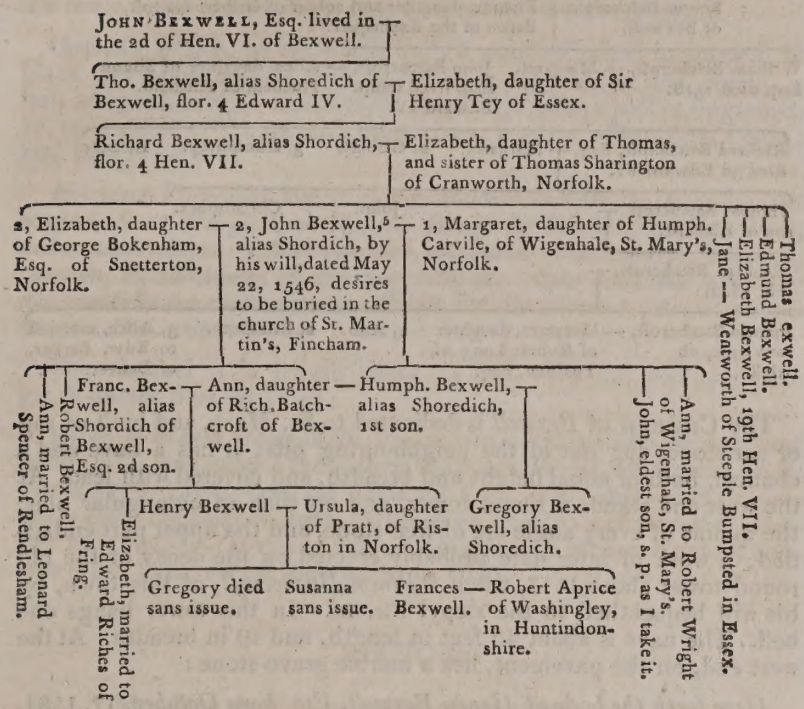
The prior of *Pentney* had lands held of the Lord *Bardolf.*

2 Invas. Rain. fil. Ivonis.—In Bechesuuella ii. lib. hoes. i. de xv. ac. de quo hab. antec. comd. tant. val. ii *s.* et 8 *d.* Alius hab. iii. ac. val. vi. hos m°. ten. Rainoldus.

3 Terr. Rad. Baignardi.—In Bekesuuella xii. lib. hom. ten. i. car. tre. et iiii. vill. iii. car. m°. ii. x. ac. p'ti. silv. xx. por. sep. val. xL. sol. Un. ex his rect. W. de Warr. de xxx. p. excang. Tota Becheswella ht. dim. leug. in long. et lat. et redd. viii. de xx. sol' de gelto. *Domesd.*

4 Fin. 23 Ed. III. L. 5. N. 9.—— Esch. 45 Ed. III. N. 32.

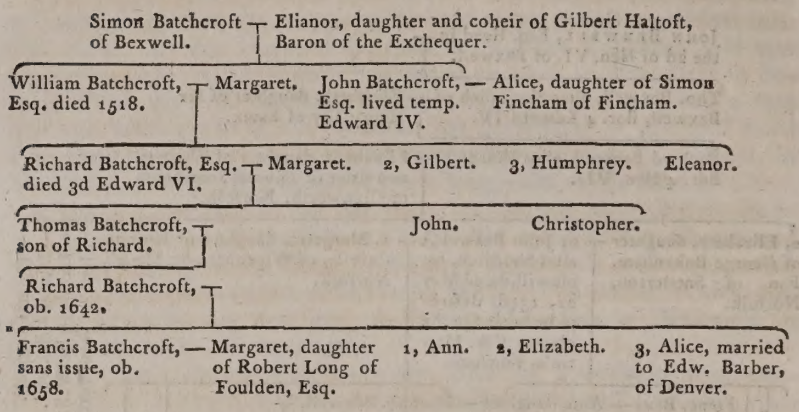
BEXWELL'S PEDIGREE.



The *Bexwell's* bore quarterly in first and fourth, *argent* and *ermine*, a cross, *gules*, over all a bend, *sable*, *Shorditch*;—and in the 2d and 3d, *argent*, 3, 2, and 1, annulets, *sab.* in a bordure ingrailed, *gules*, *Bexwell.*

[5] John Bexwell mentions his son and heir John, in his will; his 2d son, Francis, his 3d, Robert, his daughter Ann, appoints his wife Elizabeth, and William Sharington, Esq. executors, and John Pigot, Gent. supervisor. Regist. Hill, p. 48.

BATCHCROFT'S PEDIGREE.



The CHURCH of *Bexwell* is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and built of rag or car stone, dug out of the neighbouring pits; it has a nave and a chancel, both of equal height and breadth, and covered with lead. At the west end stands a round tower, and on that an octangular one; the quoins of every angle are of free-stone, and the upper part embattled; a work of later date probably erected on the decay of the old round tower about 1517, when *William Bachecroft*, of this town, by his will bequeathed to the stepyl 13*s.* 4*d.* In this tower hangs one bell. The nave is about 46 feet in length, and 19 in breadth. At the west end, on the pavement, lies a marble grave-stone:

Here lyeth the body of Henry Bexwell, Esq. born October, 17, 1581, *buried July* 8, 1654.

Higher up another:

Here lyeth the body of Gregory Bexwell, Esq. who was born the 19*th of Febr. An. Dom.* 1577, *buried* 15*th day of March*, 1644, with the arms of *Bexwell* on it.

On a third:

Here lyeth the body of Richard Bachecroft, Esq. who was born December 16, 1562, *was buried March* 1642.

Against the south wall of the nave is a mural monument of alabaster; on the summit are these three shields; *Bexwell* impaling, *argent*, on a chevron, between three pellets, two in chief charged with as many martlets, and one in base with a trefoil, *argent*, three mascles, *or*, *Pratt*; *Bexwell* alone, and *Pratt* alone. On a black marble in the centre:

In hac nave subpositæ sunt reliquiæ Henrici Bexwell in hoc agro Norfolc. armig. in quo gens illa nobilis et antiqua mascula desinit, ad senium vergens uxorem duxit Ursulam e proximâ Prattorum de Riston nobili itidem prosapiâ oriundam, e quâ tres habuit liberos, Gregorium Susannam, vivente patre mortuos, et Franciscam solummodo superstitem. Natus

erat Henricus Octob. 17, 1581, *obiit Julii* 8, 1654. *Mœrens Ursula hoc sic fixum voluit.*——On each side of this inscription is a lace or fillet by way of ornament; over that, on the right hand, is an hour-glass, and over that on the left, a book is carved. On the basis;—*Tu temet lector lectites diesq; tuos numera, &c. Ut Psal.* 90, 12.

Opposite to this, on the north wall, is another mural monument of black and white marble, with this shield; *per* fess, *or* and *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*,—*Batchcroft;* impaling, *gules*, a saltire engrailed, *or*, on a chief, of the second, three cross crosslets, of the first, *Longe;* and thus inscribed:

Hic jacet Franciscus Batchcroft de Bexwell in agro Norf. armig. qui uxorem duxit Margaretam Roberti Longe de Foulden, armig. filiam, adhuc superstitem. Sobolem nullam, cohæredes sorores suas charissimas, Annam, Elizabetham, et Aliciam, reliquit. Quæ memoriæ suæ sacr. hoc condiderunt monumentum. Obiit 13° *die Novemb. Ao. ætat. suæ* 42, *Ao. Dni.* 1658.

The chancel is in length about 24 feet. On the pavement are grave-stones thus inscribed:

Richs. et Maria proles Richi. Foster, cler. ex Eliza. conjuge nati sunt utriq; 3 id. Nov. alter 1712, *ultera* 1717, *sepulti cal. Maii, alter* 1713, *altera* 1718. *Johs. item qui natus est 5 id. Maii, obiit* — 1719.—— *Here lyeth the body of John Foster, born May* 8, *and buried September* 10, 1722.——*Here lyeth Susan, daughter of Henry Bexwell, born April* 26, 1645, *buried September* 20, 1646.

RECTORS.

Mr. *John de Newton*, rector about 1293.

1314, *Robert de Luffenham*, presented by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1328, *Edmund de Staunford*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Thomas Attecross*, by *Alan*, prior of *Ely*, vicar-general of the Bishop of *Ely*.

1349, *Thomas Bochard*, by *Alan*, &c.

1367, *Jeff. de Kerbey*.

1377, *John Josep;* in 1384, he exchanged with *John Jay* for *Laxfield* vicarage in *Norwich* diocese.

1386, *Roger Ward*.

1397, *John Austeyn*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1402, *Simon Derby*, a colyte, (the lowest order amongst the *Romis* clergy, such novices being admitted very young to great rectories, an cure of souls, was guarded against at the Reformation.)

1403, *John Conesby*. *Ditto*.

1403, *William Aleyn;* in 1704, he exchanged with *John Stacy*, vicar of *Elm*.

1420, *Thomas Marchale*. *Ditto*.

1426, *John Cachero*.

1428, *Richard Cuts*. *Ditto*.

1445, *Hugh Bernard*. *Ditto*.

1446, *John Walter*. *Ditto*.

1461, *John Denham*. *Ditto*.

1464, *John Lyndesay,* a Carmelite friar. *Ditto.*
1476, *John Pryour.* *Ditto.*
1488, *John Clare,* by the Bishop of *Norwich, hâc vice.*
1490, *John Norman.*
1491, *William Sclater,* by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1511, *Richard Thomlynson.* *Ditto.*
1530, *John Reder.* *Ditto.*
1533, *Richard Heigham.* *Ditto.*
1554, *Arthur Rawlyns.* *Ditto.*
1555, *William Blakey.* *Ditto.*
1556, *Humph. Busbye,* L. L. D. *Ditto.*
1557, *Bernard Hartley.*
1565, *John Trundell.* *Ditto.*
1574, *Anthony Cole.* *Ditto.*
1579, *James Carre.* *Ditto.*
1627, *Edward Bentley,* by the King.
1641, *John Duncan,* S. T. B. *Ditto.*
1642, *Edmund Day.* *Ditto.*
1664, *John Randolph,* S. T. P. *Ditto.*
1666, *John Hickman.* *Ditto.*
1671, *William Whitby.* *Ditto.*
1705, *Richard Cross.* *Ditto.*
1707, *Robert Canon,* S.T.P. *Ditto.* Afterwards dean of *Lincoln,* &c.
1708, *Thomas Pyle.* *Ditto.*
1709, *Thomas Davies.* *Ditto.*
1711, *Richard Foster.* *Ditto.*
1739, *Richard Foster,* on his father's death. *Ditto.*
The present valor is 7*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged.

CRIMPLESHAM.

RAINOLD son of *Ivo,* had a grant from the Conqueror of the lordship that *Ailed,* a free woman, was deprived of, which she possessed in King *Edward's* reign, consisting of 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, 4 bordarers, 7 servi, and 8 acres of meadow. There were then in demean 3 carucates, and at the survey 4, one fishpond, one runcus, 2 cows, 2 swine, 240 sheep; at the survey 300. Twenty freemen also belonged to this manor, of whom the lord had the soc, with their protection, or commendation, with 60 acres of land; formerly they had a carucate and a half, at the survey one carucate.

In the same town *Turchill* held a carucate of land, with a bordarer, and one servus, 8 acres of meadow, a moiety of a fishery; 5 freemen also belonged to it, with 4 acres, who were under the commendation and soc only of *Turchill.* When *Rainald* had the grant of these, they were valued at 8*l. per ann.*

These freemen also had a carucate of land, with 4 bordarers, and

12 acres of meadow, and of these *Turchill* had the commendation, with all customary dues; this was granted to *Rainald*, valued at 16*s.* but at the survey at 9*s.*—All *Crimplesham* with *Toimere* (a town adjoining) was one leuca long, and a leuca broad, and paid 8*d.* to the gelt, when the hundred paid 20*s.* whoever was lord.[6]

Rainald was a *Norman* baron, attended *William* Duke of *Normandy* in his invasion; and, on the conquest of *England*, was rewarded for his services with this lordship; those of *Fincham*, *Barton*, *Toimere*, *Werham*, *Stoke*, *Boughton*, *Shouldham*, *Bicham-Well*, *Foston*, in the hundred of *Clackclose*;—those of *West Winch*, *Wiche*, and *Massingham* in *Frebridge* hundred—of *Stanford* in *Grimsho* hundred—of *Caldecot Cley*, *Pickenham Houghton*, in *South Greenhow* hundred — of *Panworth*, *Ashley*, *Threxton*, in *Weyland* hundred—of *Sutton*, in *Launditch* hundred—of *Yaxham*, in *Milford* hundred—of *Pensthorp*, in *Gollow* hundred—*Rainham*, in *Brothercross* hundred—*Wiveton*, in *Holt* hundred—*Walsingham Magna* and *Parva*, and *Stukey*, in North *Greenhow* hundred—of *Carleton*, in *Loddon* hundred—of *Whitwell*, *Wichingham*, *Haverland*, *Norton*, in *Eynford* hundred—*Felthorp*, in *Taverham* hundred—*Scothow*, *Ingworth*, *Torton*, *Caston*, *Baningham*, in South *Erpingham* hundred—*Sloley*, in *Tunsted* hundred. From *Raynald*, it came to the Earls of *Clare*.—*Gilbert Clare* Earl of *Clare* gave the church, as lord, in the reign of *William* II. to the priory of *Clare*.

This *Gilbert* is called in *Domesday-book*, *Gilbert*, son of *Richer* Earl of *Brion* in *France*, and attended the Conqueror into *England*; was ancestor of the Earls of *Clare*. He with *Richard* his son, and *Rohaise* his wife, were great benefactors to the abbey of *Bec* in *Normandy*; and as this *Gilbert* had the lordship of *Clare* in *Suffolk* in 1190, and was after a cell of Benedictine monks, to that abbey, so it is reasonable to conclude, that he was also lord of this town;[7] and *Gilbert*, son of *Richard*, who died 1151, we are told by a *French* antiquary, was buried at *Clare*, a cell which *Gilbert* his grandfather had given to the monks of *Bec*.

STOKE-CLARE PRIORY, OR COLLEGE MANOR.

RICHARD DE CLARE Earl of *Clare* and *Gloucester*, is said to have removed the cell at the priory of *Clare*, to *Stoke-Clare* in *Suffolk*, in 1224, and to have endowed it with a lordship in this town; and in the 52d of *Henry* III. that prior had a park here.

John de Aula, or *Hall*, of this town, held a messuage, 72 acres of land, 8 of meadow, with 14*s.* rent of divers free tenants, of the prior,

[6] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis—In Creplesham ten. Alid liba fem. T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sep. viii. villi. et iiii. bor. vii. et ser. et viii. ac. pt'. tc, in dnio. iii. car. p. iii. m°. iiii. sep. i. pisc. et i. r. ii. an. tc. ii. por. tc. CCXL. ov. m°. ccc. huic. man. jacent XX. libi. hoes. ac socum et comd. de LX. ac. tre. i. car. et dim. m°. i.—In eade. villa Tchillus tenet i. car. tre sep. i. bor. et i. s. et viii. ac. pti. et. dim. pisc. tc. i. car. jacent etiam v. libi. hoes. de iiii. ac. ad. soca. et comd. tantu. Hoc totu. val. sep. viii. lib.—In Creplesham iii. lib. hoes. de i. car. tre sep. iiii. bor. et xii. ac. p'ti. de istis ht. comd. et consuetudine. tc. val. xvi. sol. m°. viii. —— Totum Creplesham (et Toimere) ht. i. leug. in long. et dim in lato. et reddit. vii. d. de xx. sol. de gelto Regis qcq. ibi teneat.

[7] Neustria Pia, p. 547, &c.

in the 17th of *Richard* II. and *William* was found to be his son and heir, aged 22. *Thomas Derham* held it of *Thomas Hendercote*, prior of *Stoke-Clare*, in the 2d of *Henry* IV. At the Dissolution, it was granted to the *Derhams; Thomas Derham*. Esq. held it of the Crown by soccage, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*.

The temporalities of this house, being a college, when dissolved, were valued at 3*l*. 1*s*. 6½*d*.

PRIOR OF TUNBRIDGE'S MANOR.

Richard de Clare abovementioned, founder of this priory, endowed it with a lordship in this town: *Walter*, son of *Adam Davy*, held it in the reign of King *Henry* III. of the priory, by the eighth part of a fee; and, by a pleading in the 25th of *Edward* I. it was found that certain lands here, called *Inglewith*, *Stafford*, North and South field, belonged to this priory. In the 8th of *Edward* III. and the 3d of *Henry* IV. the heirs of *Davy* are said to possess it.

On the dissolution, it came to the Crown, and so remained, till on the 20th of *October*, in the 6th of *James* I. it was granted to *Robert* and *Thomas Derham* for the sum of 64*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*. with a capital messuage, and 115 acres of arable land, valued at 5*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*. *per ann*. eschaets valued at 12*s*. twelve acres of mowing ground at 12*s*. 3*d*. of pasture at 18*d*. *per ann*. Rent of assise, due at St. *Michael*, 15*s*. at St *Andrew* 15*s*. and the same at *Easter*, with one pound of cumin, valued at 1*d*. the hens at *Christmas*, valued at 9*d*. perquisites of court 6*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*.

CRIMPLESHAM'S, TALBOT'S, COLDHAM'S, and WESENHAM'S MANOR.

Besides the two lordships above specified, several persons held of the Earls of *Gloucester* and *Clare* (the capital lords) certain lands, and had an interest herein. *Gilbert de Crimplesham* was lord, and witness to a deed of *Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*. King *John*, in his 18th year, *October* 11, grants to his beloved clerk, *John de Pavilly*, all his lands here, which were *Roger de Crimplesham's*, with the appertenances, and commands the good tenants to perform all that was incumbent on them; dated at *Lyn*;[8] and this but a few days before his death. *Theodore de Crimplesham* was lord in the 34th of *Henry* III. and in the following year, the Earl of *Gloucester*, as capital lord, had the priviledge of a gallows, felon's goods, &c. frank-pledge, assise, the lete or his tenants, and would not permit the King's bailiff to enter into his lordship. *William Criketot*, who married *Maud*, daughter of *Peter de Crimplesham*, held in her right 4 messuages, a carucate of land, 20 acres of meadow, paying 26*s*. *per ann*. and had free bull and boar.

Anselm de Lound had also the 8th part of a fee, which came by his daughter to *Robert Bardolf*, and so to Sir *Ingelram Belet*, as in *Wereham*.—*Ralph de Wyrham* held in the said reign of *Henry* III. a messuage, one carucate of land, 6 acres of meadow in demean; and

[8] Pat. 18. m. 1.

William de Bereford 2 messuagss, with 60 acres of land, and 10 of meadow, of the Earl of *Gloucester*, as appearr from a roll, by the 8th part of a fee.

In the 21st of *Edward* III. *Ralph de Stafford.* and *Margaret* his wife, convey to *John de Wesenham*, citizen of *London*, a lordship from the heirs of *Margaret*. *Maud de Bereford*, also, in the of 20th *Edward* III. the 8th part of a fee; and *Stephen de Talbot* held lands here, in *Derham*, &c. as by the escheats in the 45th of *Edward* III.

After this, in the 22d of *Richard* II. it was in the family of the *Derhams*. *Ralph de Derham* was found to have held at his death the 8th part, and the 6th part of a fee of *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March*, in this town, *Derham*, &c.; and, in the 13th of *Edward* IV. *Thomas Derham* Esq. was found to die seized of the manor of *Wesenham*, held by the 4th part of a fee; and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged one year; and *William Purchase* had a grant of the custody of him, and his lands.

In the reign of *James* I. *Thomas Derham*, Esq. was lord of *Wesenham*, *Coldham*, and *Talbot* manors, all which being united, were sold by the *Derhams* (of whom see in *West Derham*) to the *Soames*; and Colonel *Edward Soame* died lord in 1706, whose daughter and heir, *Mary*, brought them by marriage to *Soame Jenyns*, Esq. of *Botlesham*-hall in *Cambridgeshire*, (son and heir of Sir *Roger Jenyns*, Knt. by *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Peter Soame*, Bart.) member of parliament for the town of *Cambridge*, and one of the honourable lords of trade and the plantations, who is lord of the whole town.

In the 32d of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Derham* had the grant, *December* 8, of the messuage and lands here belonging to the abbey of *West-Derham*.

The lete was in Sir *George Hare*; the fee 16*d*.

The tenths were 5*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*.—Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and was a rectory, *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of *Clare* and *Brion* in *Normandy*, gave in the reign of *William* II. the lordship and the church of St. *John* of *Clare* in *Suffolk*, to the abbey of *Bec* in *Normandy*;[9] and this church was confirmed to them by *Pope Alexander* III. and was appropriated, the spiritualities being taxed at 20 marks, (a vicarage was settled, valued at 40*s*.) and there belonged to it a manor with 50 acres of land.

VICARS.

Alexander occurs vicar in the 27th of *Edward* I.

1308, *Walter Baldwin* instituted, presented by the prior and convent of *Stoke* by *Clare*, in *Suffolk*.

1335, *Robert Rikke*. *Ditto*.

1381, *William Sempiere*, by the King: the temporalities of the priory then in the King.

William Normanton, vicar.

1390, *John Stratton*. *Ditto*.

1397, *Nicholas Duffield*. *Ditto*.

[9] Dugd. Mon. vol. iii. p. 1006, &c

1398, *Simon Attemore*, by the prior, &c.
1440, *Simon Bergh*, by the dean of *Stoke-Clare*.
1443, *Robert Arnold*.
1462, *Thomas Hecock*. *Ditto*
1486, *Simon Jollyf*, by *Richard Ednam* Bishop of *Bangor*, and Dean of *John Baptist* college at *Stoke*.
1509, *Robert Bitson*, by the dean, &c.
1515, *Thomas Smith*.
1523, *William Penyon*, by the dean, &c.
1527, *Thomas Moor*. *Ditto*.
1538, *John Breylisforth*, by *Thomas Westler*, L. L. B. on a grant, *hâc vice*, from the dean, &c,
1541, *Thomas Underhill*, by the dean, &c.
1554, *Robert Parson*, by *Henry Hawe*, Gent. who farmed the rectory of the Crown
1556, *Robert Newton*. *Ditto*.
1581, *Elias Comeliche*, by the Queen.
1589, *William Ellis*. *Ditto*: in 1603, he returned 89 communicants.
1608, *Stanley*, *Waller*, by the Bishop of *Ely*; the impropriated rectory, and the advowson of the vicarage being granted to that see, on the exchange of lands belonging to that see, and the Crown, by act of parliament.

After this, I meet with no presentation, the great and small tithes being leased out by the Bishop of *Ely* to his tenants, and so is now served by a stipendiary curate, and still stands charged at 8*l*. as a vicarage in the *Valor Beneficiorum*.

In this church was the guild of St. *Mary*.—It is a single pile, with a chancel covered with reed, and built of coarse stone, found in the neighbourhood; has a square tower, embattled, &c. with 5 large bells. On the pavement of the church lie some old marble grave-stones deprived of their brasses, in remembrance, probably, of the *Derhams*. *Baldwin Derham*, Gent. of *Crimplesham*, by his will dated in *Febr.* 1527, requires to be buried in the church near the south door; and, in the reign of *Henry* VI. there was a chantry founded here for *Elizabeth*, wife of *Thomas Derham*, Esq. of this town, daughter and heir of *Baldwin Vere* of *Denver*, Esq. brother of *Robert de Vere* of *Addington* in *Northamptonshire*, Esq.—*Thomas Derham*, Esq. buried here *Ao.* 13th *Edward* IV.

In the windows were formerly, *argent* six annulets *sab.* in a bordure, ingrailed, *gules*, *Bexwell*; *sable* on a chevron *argent*, three annulets of the 1st between 3 pewits heads erased, *ermine*, beaked *gules*, *Gillour*; also the arms of *Scales* and *Bardolf*.

In the churchyard, an altar-tomb in memory of *Thomas Bishop*, Gent. who died 1703, aged 72.

Queen *Elizabeth*, on the petition of *Henry* Lord *Wentworth*, granted, *August* 8, *Ao.* 27, to *Theophilus Adams*, and *Thomas Butler* of *London*, Gent. certain messuages, with considerable lands, late belonging to the college of *Stoke*, held of the King, as of the honour of *Clare*, in soccage, by *Thomas Crimplesham*.

The town takes its name from a small creeping run, or stream of water, here rising, and proceeding to *West-Derham*.

TOIMERE

Was a town near to *Crimplesham*, and held by *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*. At the survey, there were 3 freemen who had the liberty of the lord's fold, and were under his protection, with other freemen belonning to the soc of St. *Bennet* (that is of *Ramsey* abbey) valued at 14*d*. and one freemen, with 40 acres valued at 2*s*. and was included in its length, &c. and gelt under *Crimplesham*, having the same lord.[2]

This lordship came with *Crimplesham* to the Earls of *Clare*. The town has been destroyed time immemorial; the site was in or near the closes, now called great and little *Tombers*, which are now in *Stradeset*, and was standing about the reign of *Henry* III. by a deed *sans* date, *John de Houghe de Wallington* conveyed to *Roger* son of *John Aylmer* of *Tomers* in *Torpe*, for 10*s*. and paying homage and service to him, 8 roods of land in the field of *Tomers:*—witnesses, *R. Russel*, of *Thorp*, *Hubert Hakun* of *Shouldham*, *John Trusbut* of the same, &c. it also appears from an old roll, that the lete fee was anciently 6*d*. and held by the abbot of *Ramsey*.

Great and little *Tomers*, in *Stradset* (that is, *Shouldam-Thorp*) closes, were sold by *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. to *Hugh Hare*, Esq. *Nov.* 2, in the 17th of *Elizabeth;* and Sir *George Hare* possessed them as lord.

It took its name from two small meers, or stagnating waters.

DENVER,

Called in *Domesday-Book Danefella* and *Danefala*, seated in a valley by the water. Here were two lordships, one of which (afterwards named *Westhall*) was held by *Hugh*, under the Earl *Warren*, who had a grant of it on the deprivation of *Aluric*, a freeman, who was lord in King *Edward's* reign, when it contained 2 carucates of land, and 3 acres, 2 carucates in demean, with 12 bordarers, and 3 freemen held 40 acres of land; there was also a carucate, &c. of meadow, and a fishery, valued then at 60*s*. at the survey at 40*s*. which was claimed by an exchange: the whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8*d*. gelt. The Earl had also 2 carucates of

[2] Tre Rainald filii Ivonis.—In Toimere iii. libi. hoes. ad soca. falde et comd. alii. soca. Scj. B. semp. val. xiiiid. i. lib. ho. XL. sol. ac. val. ii. sol.

land, held before the conquest by *Hosmunt*, a freeman, with 8 villains, one servus, 8 acres of meadow, and a fishery.[3]

WEST-HALL MANOR.

Hugh abovementioned, who was enfeoffed of this lordship by the Earl *Warren*, was ancestor of the family, who took their name, according to the custom of that age, from this town. *Osbert de Denevela*, lived in the reign of *Henry* I.[4] (probably son of *Hugh*) and gave tithe of his lands to the priory of *Castleacre*, founded by the Earl *Warren*. *Walter de Denvere* and *Alice* his wife were living in the 41st of *Henry* III.; she was one of the aunts and coheirs of *Henry*, son of *Osbert de Walpole*, and had in her right a lordship in *Walpole*. *Walter* was lord of this manor, and in the said year had the assise of bread and beer, and other liberties. In the 52d of the said reign it was certified that he held one knight's fee; and, in the 3d year of *Edward* I. he had the lete, paying 8*d.* to the bailiff of the abbot of *Ramsey*; and with *Nicholas de Harpley*, and *Robert*, son of *Godfrey de Wygenhale*, was fined for not being knights. Of this family was *John de Denver*, who was living in the 20th of *Edward* III. the heiress of the family was married to the *Goddards* of *Walpole* and *Tyrington*, who quartered the arms of *Denver*, as may be there seen.

In 9th of *Edward* II. *Peter de Spalding* was lord, and presented to the mediety of St. *Michael's* of *Denver*, as lord of this manor. *John*, son of the said *Peter*, was lord in the 13th of *Edward* III. and had 30 messuages in this town, with 500 acres of land, 30 of meadow, and in *Hilgey*, *Downham*, *Fordham*, &c.

By an inquisition taken in the 20th of that King, *Richard de Bradenham*, and *John de Foxley* were returned to be lords; and, in the 9th of *Henry* IV. *John Gourney*, Esq. died lord, and of *West Barsham*. In the 47th of *Edward* III. the convent of *West Derham* had a patent for this moiety, (as I take it,) but I do not find them possessed of it.

In 1395, *Walter Goddard* presented to the aforesaid mediety as lord; and in the 15th of *Henry* VI. *Robert Goddard* of *Tirington*, Esq. *Thomas Clifton*, Esq. and *Joan* his wife, and *Thomas Dereham*, Esq. senior, convey by fine, two messuages, with lands, a free-fold in this town, *Ryston*, *Fordham*, &c. to *William Dalling*.

After this, in 1452, *John Bennet*, Gent. was lord; and by the marriage of *Joan* his daughter, it came to *Thomas Derham*, Esq.

Sir *Nicholas Hare* presented as lord in 1554; and by his will dated *Sept.* 26, 1557, conveyed all his interest in this lordship and advowson (after such interests as his cousins *Audrey Hobart*, and *Alice Rugge*, her mother, claim therein for their lives) to his heirs; and *Michael Hare*, Esq. his son, by his will dated 1609, gives this manor,

[3] Tre. Willi. de Warenna.—In Danefella tenet Hugo ii. car. tre. et iii. ac. quas tenuit Aluric'. libr. ho. T. R. E. sep. ii. car. in dnio. et xii. bord. et viii. lib. hoes. XL. ac. tre. tc. et p' i. car. m°. i. et xii. ac. pti. semp. ht. i. piscaria tc. val. LX. sol. m°. XL. hoc reclam. p. escang. tota ht. i. lg. in longo et dim. in lato et reddit viii *d.* de gelto. In eade. ii. car. tre. ten. Will. quas tenuit i. lib. ho. Hosmunt. T. R. E. sep. viii. vill. et i. serv. viii. ac. pti. et i. piscar.

[4] William Denver held a manor in Cockthorp, Norfolk, of the Bishop of Norwich, when *Domesday Book* was made, had then an interest in Gunton manor.

after the death of his brother *Robert*, to *Nicholas Timperley*, Esq. his nephew.

In 1617, Sir *Thomas Hobart* was lord; and Sir *Miles Hobart*, in 1637, and *Edward Barber*, Gent. presented as lord of this manor in 1660. About the year 1726, Mr. *Towerson* of *Hadenham*, in the isle of *Ely*, purchased it from the *Barbers*; and about the year 1730, conveyed it to *Roger Pratt*, Esq. of *Ruston*, the present lord; but the right of patronage was sold off before he purchased it.

EAST-HALL.

William Earl *Warren*, had also another lordship in this town, which *Osmund* held of the Earl, consisting of 71 acres, held by 4 freemen, with half a carucate, who were under the commendation only of *Hermer*. In the said village were five freemen, and the moiety of another, with 36 acres, and half a carucate; these were under the protection alone of *Osmund*; but the abbot of St. *Bennet* had the soc of two of them; and there were here 3 freemen, with 2 acres of land, and 2 bordarers, which *Osmund* holds; the whole valued at 40*s*.[5]

Osmund, who was enfeoffed of this manor, and held it of the Earl, was (as I take it) ancestor of the family of *De Kailey*, or *Caleye*. *John de Kailly*, died lord about the 8th of King *John*, and his widow *Margery* in the following year, then the wife of *Michael de Ponyngs*, recovered dower from *Adam de Kailli*. *Osbert de Cailly* was lord in the reign of *Edward* I. and, in 1307, *Michael de Cayli*, conveyed it by fine to *Adam de Cayli*, and *Edmund* his son.

In 1324, *Edmund*, son of Sir *Adam de Cayly*, presented to a moiety of this church as lord of this manor; and Sir *Adam de Clifton* was lord and patron in 1349, &c. as heir to the *Caillys*, and succeeded herein by his 2d son, Sir *Adam*, who presented in 1402, and 1409; Sir *Robert de Clifton*, his son and heir, was lord in 1430. In the 13th of *Henry* IV. Sir *Adam* was found to die possessed of it; and this *Robert* his son was aged 26 years. *Thomas Clifton*, Esq. was son and heir of Sir *Robert*; and in 1463, *John Tillesley*, Esq. presented in right of *Joan* his wife, late relict of *Thomas Clifton*; and in the following year, *Robert Clifton*, son and heir of *Thomas*, conveyed by fine all his right in this lordship and advowson, which *Joan Tillesley* his mother held for life, to Sir *William Willoughby*, and *Joan* his wife.

Edward Willoughby, Esq. was lord and patron in 1491, and by his will dated *October* 23, was buried in the chancel of St. *Mary's* church of *Denver*. Soon after, in the 3d year of *Henry* VIII. *John Willoughby*, Esq. his son, lord of this manor, and *Hugh Willoughby* of *Risley* in *Derbyshire*, Esq. serjeant at arms to the King, by deed dated *April* 22d, covenant that *Elizabeth*, late wife of *Robert Willoughby*, late son and heir apparent of the said *John Willoughby*, should take to her husband *George Willoughby*, son and heir apparent

[5] In eade. ten. ide. iiii. libi. hoes. LXXI. acr. q. ten. Osmund. de R. habuit Herm. comd. tantu. et ht. semp. dim. car.—In eade. villa v. lib. h. et dim. XXXVI. ac. semp. dim. car. hos tenuit Osmundus com. tantu. et Scs. B. ht. soca. de duob; hoib;. In ead. iii. lib. h. qd. tenet ide. Osmundus ii. tre. et ii. bord. hoc totu. val. XL. sol.

of *Hugh;* and *John* was to settle on them this manor, and those of *Berkley, Newport, Dursley,* &c. in *Gloucestershire.*

John Willoughby, Esq. son of *Edward* and *Isabel,* was lord and patron in 1543,[6] and dying in 1557, was buried in this church before the crucifix. He left by *Mary* his wife a son *William,* aged 4 months, &c. at his father's death. It came afterwards to the *Gawsells; Thomas Gawsell,* son of *Richard Gawsell,* Esq. of *Watlington,* married *Mary,* widow of *John Willoughby,* Esq. and they presented in 1558.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of *Robert Gawsell,* Esq. brought it by marriage to *Robert Barber,* Gent. by whom he had 3 sons: 1st, *Edward,* lord and patron of this church in 1660, who married *Alice,* daughter and coheir of *Richard Batchcroft* of *Bexwell,* Esq.; 2d, *Thomas Barber,* who had 2 wives; *Martha,* daughter of *Robert Pearson,* D. D. rector of *Snoring Magna* in *Norfolk,* and *Joan,* daughter and coheir of *John Parlet* of *Lynn;* 3d son, *Gregory Barber,* married *Mary,* daughter and coheir of *Luke Constable* of *Swaffham,* and left 2 daughters and coheirs. *Edward Barber,* who was lord of both the manors, and patron of both medieties, left no issue (as it seems) so that the estate came to *Thomas Barber,* son of *Thomas,* brother of *Edward,* by *Martha.* This *Thomas* took to wife *Mary,* daughter of *Robert Marsh,* Gent. and was father of *Edward,* who married ——— daughter of ——— *Hopkins* of *Wilberton* in the isle of *Ely,* who is said to have conveyed it to Mr. *Towerson* of *Hadenham,* in the said isle, who was lord in 1726, and soon after sold it to *Roger Pratt,* Esq. of *Ruston,* the present lord.

The tenths were 7*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*—Temporalities of *Ramsey* abbey, 7*s.*

The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary,* and consisted of two medieties, or rectories, one called St. *Michael's,* or *West-Hall* mediety, the other St. *Peter's* or *East-Hall* mediety. It is a single pile, built of rag-stone out of neighbouring pits, and camerated with pannels of wood, covered with reed; at the west end is a four-square tower, and on that an octangular spire of wood, covered with lead, with 5 bells.

Against the north wall is an achievement with the arms of the professors of physic in the university of *Cambridge,* and of *Caius* college, impaling *argent,* two bars, and in chief three lioncels, rampant, *sab. Brady.* On the pavement is a black marble grave-stone, with the said arms, and

" *Depositum Roberti Brady, M. D. serenissimis principibus Carolo*
" *et Jacobo 2dis. medici ordinarii, regii apud Cantabr. medicinæ pro-*
" *fessoris, collegii de Gonville et Caius* 40 *circiter annos custodis vigi-*
" *lantissimi et benefactoris munificentissimi, qui postquam rem medicam*
" *et historicam summâ diligentiâ et fide, tam praxi, quam scriptis fæli-*
" *citer exonaverat apud suos Denverienses, ubi primum hauserat spiritum,*
" *ultimum clausit diem Aug.* 19, *Ao. Dni.* 1700, *ætat. suæ* 73."

This worthy gentleman gave a considerable paternal estate in the parish to *Caius* college, and 500*l.* towards the buying a perpetual advowson. Mr. *Hearne,* the *Oxford* antiquary, gives him this character,

[6] Reg. Jagges Norw.

—*Rob. Bradius plerisq; omnibus sequioris ævi historicis nostris Anglicanis sit anteferendus.*[7]

Against the wall of the chancel rests a grave-stone, with the *insignia* of a Knight Templar. In the windows were checky, *or* and *gules*, a bend *ermin*, with an annulet, *gules*, *Clifton;* also *gules*, a chevron *ermin*, between three cinquefoils *argent;* also on the right shoulder of a woman's vest; *or*, on a saltire *gules*, five lozenges; and on the left shoulder, barry of six, *argent* and *vert*, *Poynings*. On the outside of the east window of the chancel is a mural monument of stone:

In vicino pulvere depositæ sunt exuviæ Francisci Jenny, A. M. 46. *annos hujus ecclesiæ vigilantis et benigni pastoris, qui obt. Apr.* 10, *Ao.* 1715, *ætat.* 70. and this shield:—*ermin*, a bend cottised, *or*.

ST. MICHAEL'S MEDIETY.

Sir *Walter de Denver* was patron in the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had then a manse, and 16 acres of land, valued at six marks and a half: *Peter*-pence 12*d.*

RECTORS.

1316, *Robert de Stradesete* instituted, presented by *Peter de Spalding*.

1321, *Roger de Saham*, by Mr. *Ralph de Palgrave*, clerk, *hâc vice*.

1322, *Robert de Stokes*. *Ditto*.

1342, *John de Bradenham*, by *Richard de Bradenham*, and *John de Foxley;* they recovered the patronage by suit against *William de Barsale*, and *Margaret* his wife.

In 1395, *Thomas Atte Falgate* of *Tottyngton*, by *Walter Godard;* in the 17th of *Richard* II. Sir *Adam de Clifton*, Knt. and *Margaret* his wife, sold this advowson, with three villains of their manor, to *Walter Goddard*, and *Katherine* his wife; and she and *Walter* conveyed lands here in exchange.

John Goddard occurs in 1420.

1452, *William Payn*, by *John Bennet*, Gent.

1474, *John Spencer*, A. M. *Ditto*.

1501, *William Derham*, by *Thomas Derham*, Gent. of *Crimplesham*.

1521, *Ralph Steyke*.

1537, *William Blackey*, by *Thomas Derham*, Esq.; he was deprived in 1553, being a married priest.

1554, *John Willoughby*, M. D. by Sir *Nicholas Hare*.

1558, *Richard Burnet*, M. A. by *Michael Hare*, Esq.

1561, *Robert Harris*. *Ditto*.

1566, *Robert Elden*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, *hâc vice*.

1577, *Roger Gunson*, A. B. by *Thomas Seman*, notary publick; in 1603 he was S. T. B. and rector of both medieties, and returned 180 communicants.

1617, *Samuel Cooper*, A. M. by Sir *Thomas Hobart*.

1637, *Horace Woodhouse*, by Sir *Miles Hobart*.

1642, *John Carter*.

[7] Hist. Walt. Hemingford, vol. i. præf. p. 16.

1643, *Cornelius Cushing.*
1660, *Nicholas Saunderson*, A. M. by *Edward Barber*, Gent.
1669, *Francis Jenney*, A. M. *Ditto.*
1715, *Nicholas White*, A. M. by *John Lightwin*, clerk, president of *Caius* college, *Cambridge.*
1728, *Daniel Greenway*, A. M. master and fellow of *Caius* college.
1735, *Daniel Munins*, A. M. *Ditto.*
1738, *Samuel Steadman*, (*ditto*,) the present rector, D. D. archdeacon of *Norfolk*, prebendary of *Canterbury*, who holds both the medieties united, valued at 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays first-fruits, &c.

ST. PETER'S, OR EAST-HALL MEDIETY.

Adam de Cayly was patron in the time of *Edward* I. when it was valued at 6 marks and a half, and paid *Peter*-pence 12*d.* There was a manse, and 16 acres of land.

RECTORS.

1312, *Simon de Cayly* instituted, presented by *William de Wasteny.*
1324, *John de Wygenhale*, by *Edmund*, son of Sir *Adam de Caly.*
1333, *Benedict de Neketon. Ditto.*
1349, *John Fox*, by Sir *Adam de Clifton.*
1374, *Henry de Redgrave. Ditto.*
1374, *Roger de Wotton. Ditto.*
1402, *William Marshall*, by Sir *Ad. de Clifton.*
1409, *William Warboys. Ditto.*
1430, *William Alby*, a friar-preacher, by Sir *Robert Clifton.*
1463, *John Lindesey*, by *John Tillesley*, and *Joan* his wife.
1479, *Hugh Serle*, by *William* Lord *Berkley.*
1491, *Robert Logge*, by *Edward Willoughby*, Esq.
1497, *Robert Edmunds. Ditto.*
1505, *Walter Symonds. Ditto.*
1515, *John Mason.*
1518, *William Carre*, by *Richard Gawsell*, in right of *Isabel* his wife, late wife of *Edward Willoughby*, Esq.
1528, *Richard Pycroft. Ditto.*
1543, *Jeff. Watts*, by *John Willoughby*, Esq.; he was deprived in 1553, being a married priest.
1558, *John Willoughby*, M. D. *Ditto.*
1562, *Richard Barnet*, A. M. by *Thomas Gawsell*, and *Mary* his wife.
Edward Williamson. Ditto.
1582, *Roger Gunson Ditto.*
1608, *Samuel Garey*, L. L. B. by the King, a lapse.
1617, *Ant. Southouse*, A. M. by *Robert Gawsell*, Esq.
1626, *Robert Wallis*, A. M.
1627, *Henry Rose*, by *Robert Gawsell*, Esq. of *Denver.*
1660, *Nicholas Saunderson*, A. M. by *Edward Barber*, Gent.
1669, *Francis Jenney. Ditto.*
1715, *Nicholas White*, by Mr. *Lightwin.*

1728, *Daniel Greenway*, by *Caius* college, *Cambridge*.
1735, *Daniel Munins*. *Ditto*.
1738, *Samuel Steadman*, the present rector, *ditto*, archdeacon of *Norfolk*, prebend of *Canterbury*, &c. D. D.

Robert Gybbs, chaplain in 1420, gives by will a silver gilt cup to the high altar, to St. *Mary's* guild, and to *John Godard*, rector, legacies.—*Edmund Cootes*, by will in 1504, gives to the sepulchre light in the church 40*s*. and 2 tapers of wax of 3 pounds weight each:[8] to Our Lady's tabernacle and light 20*s*. and 20 moder shepe, with legacies to St. *Mary's*, *Allhallows*, and St. *John Baptist's* guilds.

In this parish is a noble bridge of stone, and a sluice over the great river *Ouse*.

From this place began a famous *Roman* way, extending to *Peterborough*, over the great level of the fens, about 24 miles. *Dugdale* says it was of gravel, &c. 3 feet thick, and 60 broad, now covered with the moor; that it went first to *Charke*, thence to *March*, *Plantwater*, and *Eldernel*, and so to *Peterborough*.[9]

King *Henry* VII. in his first year, on *September* 24, granted to *Thomas Hatton* the office of water-bailiff of *Salter's* lode, in this parish, during pleasure, with the annexed fees to be received by his own hands.

WEST-DERHAM.

We learn from the Conqueror's book of *Domesday*, that there were at that time several fees, or lordships, in this town.

Hermer de Ferer, (or *Ferrers*,) a *Norman* nobleman, who for his services was rewarded at the conquest with 25 lordships in this county, and had by his own power, (a practice common on the conquest,) seized on, and invaded the lands of 32 freemen here, who, in the reign of King *Edward* the Confessor possessed 120 acres: of 25 of these, the predecessor of *Hermerus* had the protection, with 2 carucates, valued at 35*s*. *Bordin* holds of *Hermer* 3 of them, and a moiety of the rest;[1] and 7 of the 32 were under the protection of the predecessor of *Roger Bigot*, (on these the predecessor of *Hermerus* had no claim; and this was valued at 5*s*.) *Hermerus* had invaded them also. Of this *Hermerus*, see in *Wirmegay*. Out of this tenure arose 2 lordships, that of *Curple*, and that of *Timworth*.

[8] Reg. Rix Norw. p. 80.
[9] Dugd. Hist. of Imbanking, &c. p. 157.
[1] Invasio Hermeri de Ferrariis.—In Derham xxxii. lib. hoes. de cxx. ac. T. R. E. de xxv. ex istis habuit ant. Hermeri comd. sep. ii. car. val. xxxv. sol. Bordin. tenet de Hermero iii. de o'i. medietate et vii. fuer. comdati. antecessori Rogeri Bigot, et in his nichil habuit antec. Hermeri et val. v. sol. Hos vii. invasit Hermer.

CURPLE MANOR, OR PENTNEY PRIORY MANOR,

ASSUMED its name from its lords.—*Jeffrey Curple* held half a fee in the reign of *Henry* III. (when an aid was granted on the marriage of that King's sister to the Emperor) of the honour of *Wirmegay*,

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Catherine* and *John Curpell* were found to hold the same half fee in this town, *Fincham*, *Roxham*, and *Fordham*, of the Lord *Bardolf*, Baron of *Wirmegay*; and *Roger Curpell* was lord of it in the 3d of *Henry* III This *Roger* gave it to the priory of *Wirmegay*, and his grant was confirmed by the Lord *Bardolf*.[2]

After this, when the said priory was united to the priory of *Pentney*, it was vested in that convent; at the dissolution of *Pentney* priory, it came to the Crown; and, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. was farmed by *John Dethick*, Esq. at 4*l*. 15*s*. 3*d*. *per annum* of *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland*, who had a lease of it from the court of augmentation.

On *April* 11. *Ao*. 4 of *Edward* VI. it was granted to *Thomas Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successours, and is now held of that see by Sir *Simeon Stuart*, Bart.; the site of it was in in a close, called *Hall-Close*, south-west of the abbey of *Derham*, and near to the fens.

This was most likely that lordship which *John Houton Capellane* gave to the priory of *Wirmegay*, held of the Lord *Bardolf*, by the 4th part of a fee, and payment of 6*s*. 8*d*. *per annum* to the manor of *Wirmegey*, *Ao*. 9 *Edward* III.

TIMWORTH MANOR.

This manor assumed its name from its lords. Sir *William de Timworth*, lord in the 2d of *Henry* III. and *Richard de Timworth*, held the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Wirmegay*, in the said reign.

Thomas de Timworth was lord in the 14th of *Edward* I. and in the 5th of *Edward* II. this lordship was settled on *John de Beccles*, and *Hawise* his wife, probably daughter of *Thomas*.

After this, a fine was levied in the 10th of *Edward* III. when *Robert*, son of *Ralph de Hemenhale*, Knt. and *Agnes* his wife, settled a moiety of it on their trustees; and *Robert Hemenhale*, and *Richard Bachecroft* were found to hold it in the 4th of *Henry* IV. of the Lord *Bardolf* as part of the barony of *Wirmegay*.

John Badgecroft held it in the reign of *Henry* VI. and *Richard Badgecroft* held it in the reign of *Edward* VI. and left it to his son and heir *Thomas*, who was lord of *Bexwell*; and since that time has been enjoyed by the lords of that town, —— *Holt*, Esq. of *Redgrave* in *Suffolk* being lord of *Bexwell*, and of this.

Roger Bigot, ancestour to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had, at the survey, a lordship consisting of 9 acres of land, with 3 borderers, valued at 10s. of which 6 freemen had been deprived, which *Hugh* held of *Roger*—In the said town he had 16 acres, of which a freeman was deprived, valued at 12*d*. and *Hugo* held it. *Sunsant* had only the

[2] Ret. Honor. de Wirmeg. penes Camerar. Scij. Esch. 9. Edw. III.

protection or commendation of this freeman, in King *Edward's* time.[3] *Roger* had also 60 acres of land, of which *Godric*, a freeman in the Confessor's time, was deprived, held by the said *Hugh*; but the predecessor of *Roger* had the protection only of *Godric*.

This came by some grant to the abbot and convent: and, in the 2d of *Henry* VI. it appears by the eschaet rolls, that *Elizabeth*, widow of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk* died seized of the moiety of one knight's fee in *West-Derham*. The estate of the *Bigots* came to the *Mowbrays*.—Of *Roger Bigot*, see in *Pentney*.

William Earl *Warren* had 30 acres of land given him on the expulsion of a freeman, and half a carucate[4] of this Earl; see in *Castleacre*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the abbot was possessed of this, (and then found, of the Earl *Warren's* fee lately) in pure alms, and the 4th part of a fee; before this, in the reign of *Henry* III. he held the same.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, had 32 acres of land belonging to six freemen. *Wihenoc* had invaded and seized on them; and, in his predecessor's time, they held it only under protection.[5] *Wihenoc* was a dependent (and held lands) of *Ivo*; the lands of this *Ivo* came after to the Earls of *Clare*; see in *Crimplesham*. In the reign of *Henry* III. the abbot held the 6th part of a fee of the heirs of *William de Narford*, he of the Earl of *Clare*; and, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the abbot held it of the Earl of *March*, heirs of the Earls of *Clare*.

Ralph Lord *Bainard* held at the survey, and *Luvell* under him, one carucate of land, and one villain, with a carucate: out of this the abbot of *Ramsey* had 20*s*. rent in King *Edward's* reign, as the hundred witnessed; and there belonged to this manor 50 acres of land, held by freemen in the aforesaid reign, with one carucate and an half, &c. valued at 10*s*. the abbot of *Ramsey* had the soc of these men.[6] This last seems to have been part of the Lord *Bainard's* manor of *Stoke*, and was measured with it.—On the forfeiture of *William* Lord *Bainard's* estate, for his rebellion in *Henry* the First's time, this came by the King's grant to *Robert Fitz-Gilbert*, a younger son of *Richard*, ancestors of the Earls of *Clare*, which *Robert* was father of *Walter Fitz-Robert*, one of the witnesses to the foundation deed of *Derham* abbey, and who probably granted it to the said monastery.

The abbot of St. *Edmund* of *Bury* had a socman, with 6 acres.—The abbot also of St. *Bennet* of *Ramsey* had 3 socmen at the survey, with 6 acres of land, and half a carucate, valued at 12*d*.

The lordships abovementioned being united, and belonging to the abbot and convent of *West-Derham*, came to the Crown on its dissolution, and so remained till granted to Sir *Thomas Lovell* of *East Herling*, in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*.

The site of the abbey, with the lands following, were granted on

[3] Terra Rogeri Bigoti. In Derham vi. lib. hoes. ix. ac. tre. et iii. bor. et val. x. sol. hoc. tenet Hugo. In eade. i. lib. ho. xvi. ac. et val. xii. hoc. tenet ide. de hoc. habuit Sansant comd. tantu. In eade. LX. ac. tre. qd. ten. Goddric. lib. ho. T. R. E. mo. tenet idem. de hoc habuit antec. Rog. comd. tantu.

[4] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna. In Derham i. lib. xxx. ac. semp. dim. car.

[5] Invasiones Rainaldi fili. Ivonis. In Derham tenet vi. lib. hoes de xxxii. ac. quas. invasit Wihenoc. comdatos tantu. suo. antec.

[6] Terra Rad. Baniardi. In Dereham Luvell. i. car. tre. et i. car. sep. i. vill. de hoc hab. Scs. b. xx. sol. T. R. E. teste hund. adjacent huic manerio L. ac. qd. ten. lib. hoes. T. R. E. tc. i. car. et dim. mo. i. car. et val. x. sol. de istis hab. Sci. b. socam.

December 3, *Ao.* 32 *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Derham.* Esq. of *Crimplesham, viz. Carter's Close,* Great *Moon-Shines,* with *Derham Grange, Barsales, East Brake Close, Fen Crofts,* with the fishery in the waters of *West-Derham* and *Roxham,* &c. to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and the payment of 46*s.* and 3*d. per annum,* together with *West Brake Close, Calf's Close, Oxclose, Heath Close,* Old *Tallow Beatles,* New *Tallow Beatles, Church-field, Redhill-field, Well-head-field, Downham* wood, and lands in *Feltwell,* which the said *Thomas* died possessed of, *August* 29, 1554; and, about the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, Sir *Thomas Lovell* conveyed to *Thomas Derham,* Esq. the lordships abovementioned; all which remained in the family of the *Derhams* till the death of Sir *Thomas Derham,* Bart. when the inheritance came to Sir *Simeon Stuart,* Bart. (by the marriage of *Elizabeth,* sister and sole heir of Sir *Thomas Derham,*) who dying in 1762, his son and heir, Sir *Simeon Stuart,* Bart. of *Hartley Mauduit* in *Hampshire,* is the present lord, and knight of the shire in parliament for *Hampshire. Elizabeth,* his eldest daughter, married *Hewar Edgley Hewar* of *Clepham,* Esq. and left no issue. *Ann,* the 3d daughter, married *George Bourne,* Esq. of *Enfield* in *Middlesex,* and left a son and a daughter; also *Mary* and *Sophia,* the 2d and 4th daughters.

Sir *Simeon Stuart* married *Elizabeth,* only daughter of Sir *Richard Derham,* Bart. of *Derham* abbey in *Norfolk,* by the honourable *Frances Villiers* his wife, eldest daughter of *Robert* Lord Viscount *Purbeck,* and *Elizabeth,* daughter of the late Sir *John Danvers,* brother to *Henry* Earl of *Danby,* and sole heir to her brother, Sir *Thomas Derham,* who died at *Rome* in *January* 1738-9, and by her had *Elizabeth,* married to *Hewer Edgley Hewer* of *Fotheringhay* castle in *Northampton shire* Esq.; he died *Nov.* 6, 1728, *s. p.* and *Ann* married to *George Bourne,* Esq. of *Enfield* in *Middlesex;* she died *December* 7, 1739, and *Simeon,* his only son, now living, *Thomas* and *James* dying in their minority, and other daughters, *Mary* and *Sophia Derham.*

The family of *De Derham* is of great antiquity.—*Richard de Derham, Nicholas de Derham,* and *Elias de Derham* were brothers, and witnesses to *Hubert,* the Archbishop's foundation deed of the abbey; and from this *Nicholas,* it is said, the family is descended. *Jeffrey de Derham,* and *Alice* his wife, impleaded *Nicholas,* son of *Gervase,* and *John de Perchehaie* for a free tenement in *Riston, Ao.* 10 *R. Johs.*[7]—*Herluinus de Derham* held lands of *Ramsey* abbey, and paid 7*d.* rent *per ann.* to them, as lord of the hundred, *sans* date.

Ralph de Derham was found to die seized of lands in *Derham, Roxham,* and *Crimplesham,* of *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March* and *Clare, Ao.* 22 *Richard* II. and *Thomas de Derham* was living in the said reign.

Thomas de Derham, Esq. (probably his son,) lord of *Crimplesham,* was an eminent lawyer in the 5th of *Henry* IV. a feoffee for the manor of *West Herling,* and sealed with a buck's, or deer's head caboshed. In the 7th of *Henry* VI. he was justice of gaol delivery of *East Derham,* for the liberty of the Bishop of *Ely,* and married *Elizabeth,* daughter and heir of *Baldwin de Vere,* Esq. of *Denver,* younger brother of *Robert de Vere,* Esq. of *Addington* in *Northamptonshire,* and was father of *Thomas Derham,* Esq. of *Crimplesham,* who by *Alice* his

[7] P'lita apud. Norw.

first wife,[8] daughter and heir of *Gilbert Haltoft*, one of the barons of the Exchequer, had *John*, who died a minor; and *Elizabeth*, who married *John Fincham*, Esq. of *Outwell* in *Norfolk*; and by his 2d wife, *Joan*, daughter of *John Bennet* of *Bunwell* in *Norfolk*, Gent. married in 1470, had *Thomas*, his son and heir.

Thomas, son and heir, a minor, by *Joan* (at the death of his father, who was buried at *Crimplesham* in the 13th of *Edward* IV.) married *Isabel*, daughter of *John Paynell*, Esq. of *Boothby* in *Lincolnshire*, by ————, daughter of *Philip Tylney*, one of the lords of the Close of *Lincoln* minster. He died in 1531, leaving *Thomas* his son, *Dorothy*, a daughter, married to *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. of *Watlington*, &c. *Thomas*, son and heir, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *John Audley*, Knt. *Banneret* of *Swaffham* in *Norfolk*, and dying 1554, left by her a numerous issue.—*Jane* married *Robert Lade*, alias *Baker*, of *Tyrington*; *Alice*, to *Humph. Guybon* of *King's Lynn*, *Thomasine*, first to ———— *Throgmorton* of ————, Esq. next to *John Repps*, Esq. of *West Walton*, and after to *John Heath*, Esq. of *London*.—Also 5 sons, *Thomas*, son and heir, *Robert*, *John*, *Baldwin*, and *Audley*; *Ela*, their mother, surving their father, married *Thomas Guybon*, Esq.

Thomas Derham, Esq. eldest son and heir, married first *Amphillis*, daughter of Sir *Francis Lovell* of *East Herling*; his 2d wife was *Ann*, daughter of *Richard Catlyne*, Esq. serjeant at law; but dying *sans* issue, *Ao.* 19 *Elizabeth*, was succeeded by *Baldwin*, his 4th brother and heir.

Baldwin, by his first wife *Margaret*, daughterof *John Heath*, Esq. of *Durham*, had a numerous issue; 1, *Thomas*; 2, *Roger*, rector of *Branston* in *Leicestershire*, and D. D.; 3, *John*; 4, *Baldwin*; 5, *Robert*, rector of *Stukeley*, in *Huntingdonshire*, and D. D.; and 6, *Nicholas*; and 5 daughters; *Ann*, married to ———— *Prat*, Esq.; *Mary*, to Sir *Hugh Hamersley*, Lord Mayor of *London*; *Margery*, to ———— *Turfet*, Gent.; *Elizabeth*, to *Ant. Peninston*, Gent.; *Susan*, to *Henry Farington*, Gent.; and by his 2d wife ————, daughter of ———— *Booth* of *Cheshire*, he had *Jane*, married to *Thomas Coventry* of *London*, Gent.; *Thamasine*, to *John Edes*, rector of *Lawford* in *Essex*.

Sir *Thomas Derham*, son and heir of *Baldwin*, and heir to his uncle, *Robert*, which *Robert* is by some said to have purchased the lordship of *Derham* of Sir *Francis Lovell* of *East Herling*, was knighted by King *James* I. at *Newmarket*, *Dec.* 1, 1617. By his first wife *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *Henry Anderton* of *London*, had *Thomas*, his son and heir; 2, *Henry*, who married *Olivia*, daughter and coheir of *Jeffrey Kirby* of *London*, Esq.[9] by his 2d wife *Ann*, daughter of *Thomas Gooding* of *Bliburgh* in *Suffolk*, Gent.[1] and relict of *Richard Gotts*, Esq. He had no issue.

Thomas, son and heir of Sir *Thomas Derham*, was created a Bart. *June* 8, 1661. By *Elizabeth*, his first wife, he had *John Derham*, who is said to have married ————, a daughter of ———— *Codde*, and died (as I take it) before his father, whom, by his marriage, or otherways, he had disobliged, so that Sir *Henry Derham*, Bart. was heir to

[8] Alice died in 1458;—Haltoft bore sable, three lozenges, ermine, in a bordure, argent.

[9] Kirby bore argent on a fess, vert, three crosses formy, or.

[1] Gooding bore, or, a fess between six lions heads erased, gules.

Sir *Thomas*, by *Elizabeth*, his 2d wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Richard Gargrave*, Knt. of *Nostell* in *Yorkshire;* by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Danvers*. Sir *Henry Derham*, Bart. having no issue by ———, his wife, daughter of Sir *John Maynard*, and dying in 1682, was succeeded by his brother, Sir *Richard*, who wasted his patrimony, and died in foreign parts ; so that this estate was conveyed to his relation and cousin, Sir *Thomas Derham*, Knt. who for many years was envoy at the court of the Duke of *Tuscany ;* after that resided here, and built the stately superb edifice of *Derham* abbey, now standing ; and dying in 1697 a bachelour, made Sir *Thomas Derham*, Bart. son of Sir *Richard Derham*, Bart. by *Frances* his wife, eldest daughter of *Robert Villiers* Viscount *Purbeck*, his heir; who being bred in the court of the Duke of *Tuscany*, resided there, lived a single life, died at *Rome, January* 16, 1738, and was buried there in the church of St. *Thomas*, belonging to the *English* nation.

On his death, the inheritance came to the honourable Sir *Simeon Stuart*, Bart. of *Hartley Mauduit* in *Hampshire*, in right of his wife *Elizabeth*, only sister and heir of Sir *Thomas Derham*, Bart. aforesaid ; and their only son and heir, Sir *Simeon*, is the present lord, and knight of the shire for *Hampshire*, and one of the chamberlains of the Exchequer, as his father was, who died *August* 11, 1761.

The abbey of *West-Derham* is about a mile south of the parish church ; the old gate-house or tower is still standing, and entire, and seems to have been built in the reign of *Henry* VI. It is a noble, lofty, four-square pile of curious workmanship of brick embattled ; at each corner arises an octangular tower, with quoins of freestone, and over the arch of the gate, which is of stone, wide and lofty, is this shield : *azure*, three buck's heads cabosed, *or ;* the buck's head in base was pierced with a crosier staff, and was the arms of the abbey : this staff has been cut out some time past ; but in the bow window of the room over the arch it still stands painted in the glass. The common seal of the abbey was, in 1429, and in the reign of *Henry* VIII. of an oblong form, and red wax,—The *Virgin Mary* standing under an arch, holding in her arms the child *Jesus ;* over her head a star, and on each side of her an angel with a palm branch : the legend, *Sigillum abbatis et conventûs Sce. Marie de Derham.* On each side of this elegant gate or tower adjoining to it, Sir *Thomas Derham*, the envoy, built a long, stately, and lofty wing, with a quadrangle and a cloister on the south side, containing many grand rooms, galleries, &c. like the *Italian* palaces ; and many offices, that it is capable of receiving any prince, and pleasures the taste of the most curious judges.

In a wainscoted parlour are these arms over the chimney, the quartered coat of *Derham ; azure*, a buck's head cabosed, *or*, *Derham*, quartering, *argent*, on a cross *gules*, an annulet, *or*, *Vere* in the 1st quarter ; and *gules*, an eagle displayed, *argent*, *Goddard* in the 3d quarter ; *gules*, three dexter gauntlets, *argent*, and a canton checque, *or* and *azure*, *Denver* in the 4th quarter, impaling *Anderton*, *argent*, a chevron between three crosses flory, *sab.* and about the room are the arms of several families that married with the *Derhams ; viz. Fincham, Audley, Lovell, Catlyn, Repps, Guybon, Carvill, Hamersley, Montford, Gawsell, Pratt, Heath, Penniston, Painell, Booth*, &c.

Derham impaling *Scot ; argent*, three Catherine-wheels *sab.* in a bordure ingrailed, *gules ; Derham* impaling *Heath ;* also *Booth, Catlyne ;*

also impaling *Haltoft* and *Bennet, ermin,* an escutcheon *gul.* surmounted with a bend, ingrailed *sab.* and *Painell, gules,* two chevronels in a bordure, *argent.*

In this parish, south of the town, near the fens, is a farm-house, called *Barsale,* accounted formerly as a lordship. *Thomas de Barsale* was living in the reign of *Edward* I. In the 11th of *James* I. it was settled on *Thomas Derham,* Esq. on his marriage with the daughter of Sir *Henry Anderton.*

Afterwards it was sold to the *Harbords* of *Gunton* in *Norfolk;* and, about 20 years past, conveyed by them to Mr. *Say* of *Downham* in *Norfolk;* and Captain *Say* of the militia now possesses it. *William de Barsale* was living in the 50th of *Edward* III. and sealed with . . . . a fess dauncy, between six escallops, seemingly. In the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary, Thomas Derham* held it *in capite,* of the King, lately belonging to the abbey.

The tenths of *West-Derham* were 10*l.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—*Ramsey* abbey temporalities were 3*s.* 6*d.*—The lete in Sir *George Hare.*

The town takes its name from the *British* word *Dur,* water, being near the fens, and the river *Wissey;* and also having three or four little rivulets or streams of water running through it. Thus *Durham, Derby,* &c.

DERHAM, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. There were in ancient days two churches in this town, that of St. *Andrew,* and that of St. *Peter;* that of St. *Andrew* is (as I conceive) the church now standing; and west of this church, in the churchyard, the site of that of St. *Peter's* may be perceived. In a small pannel at the summit of the present church may be seen the portraiture of St. *Andrew* painted on the glass.

It is a single pile, built of flint and other stone, in length about 52 feet, and in breadth about 20, with a chancel about 33 feet long, and 20 broad, covered with thatch. At the west end of the church is a large round tower of stone, found in pits in this neighbourhood, and called rag-stone, and on that is raised an octangular one of brick, embattled and coped with free-stone; on the decay of the old tower, in the reign of *Henry* VI. as I take it. On the summit is a cap or cover, with a weather cock; and in this tower hang 4 large modern bells.

On the pavement, at the east end, lies a black marble gravestone with these arms quarterly; in the 1st quarter, *argent,* a chevron *az.* between three squirrels sejant, *gules, Lovell;* 2d, *sab.* a cross *argent,* between four lions rampant, *or, Bendish;* 3d, *vert* on two chevronels, *argent,* six cinquefoils (3 and 3) *gules, Muswell;* and in the 4th quarter, barry of ten pieces, *argent* and *gules,* a lion rampant over all, *or,* crowned *argent,* with a ducal coronet, *Brandon;* the crest a plume of peacock's feathers.

———*Here lyeth interred the body of Gregory Lovell, Esq. born in this parish, who departed this life the 29th day of Aug. Ao. Dni.* 1693, *in the* 63*d year of his age.*

Against the north wall of the chancel is a neat marble monument; on it,

MEMORARE NOVISSIMA

Robertus Derham, armiger, filius natu secundus Thomæ Derham, armig. et Elæ Audley, filiæ Johs. Audley, militis banneretti, magnis impensis, crebrisq; summæ pietatis officiis in universam Derhamorum familiam, eximiâ humanitate in omnes singulari in colonos suos, et tenentes beneficentiâ, nativâ quâ quadam in pauperes West-Derham, et Crimplesham,[2] benignitate (cujus post se locuples et perenne pignus sanctum reliquit) deniq; integritate, prudentiâ, pietate, æquabiliq; morum constantiâ posteris multum celebris et colendus; una cum patre suo charissimo Tho. Derham, armig. filio Tho. Derham, armig. et Isabellæ Painell, filiæ Johs. Painell, armig. annis plenus et cœlebs placide in Christo obdormivit.

Tho. } *Derham* { xxix *Aug.* 1554. { *Æt.* li.
Robert. } { 6 *Dec.* 1592. { *Æt.* lxxx.

Quibus propatri, patruoq; indulgentissimis, nec non omnibus officiis nominibusq; colendissimis Tho. Derham, filius Baldwini Derham, armig. pronepos, nepos et hæres monumentum hoc qualecunq; piæ memoriæ, et religioni sacrum posuit, dicavitq;.

On the summit of this monument is *Derham's* quartered coat, *viz. Vere, Goddard* and *Denvere;* on the right of this shield is *Derham* impaling *Audley* and *Touchet* quarterly; and on the left, *Audley* and *Touchet* quarterly. On the sides of the monument are several shields; *Derham* impaling *Catlyne; Derham* impaling *Lovell; Derham* impaling *Booth; Throgmorton* impaling *Derham; Heath* impaling *Derham; Derham* impaling *Heath; Derham* impaling, *argent,* three bulls caboshed, *sab.* attired, *or, Walrond; Repps* impaling *Derham; Gybon* impaling *Derham; Lade, alias Baker,* impaling *Derham.*

On the basis of the monument are these verses, now almost obliterated:

Propater et patruus quanvis sint morte perempti,
Myriades vivent cœlis cum conjuge Christo.
Nam pater et patruus Christus, nos sanguine puro
Ut consanguineos sibi fecit adoptionatos.
Sic queis pura fides, queis vitâ hâc, pauper, egenus
Sunt chari, quamvis cineres conduntur in urna;
Hi tamen ut sancti penetrabunt nubila celsa, his
Vita, salus, spes, pax, æternaq; gaudia Christus.

Against the said wall is a most elegant, curious monument of marble, made at *Florence* in *Italy,* with a large quartered shield, *viz. Derham* impaling *Vere, Goddard, Denvere,* and lozengy, *argent* and *sable,* on a bend of the second, three crescents of the first, *Gargrave.* In the sixth quarter, *argent* on a chief indented, *gules,* three cross crosslets, fitchée of the first; in the seventh, *sab.* three lions passant, in bend, between two bendlets, *arg. Brown.*—In the 8th quarter, *sable,* a cross flurt between four annulets, *argent.*—Also two crests, a boar

[2] The charitable gift which he is said to have left, was 3*l. per ann.* to West. Derham, and 2*l. per ann.* to Crimplesham poor, which was paid till Sir Tho. Derham, who rebuilt the abbey, refused to pay it.

sejant, *sable*, muzzled and chained, *or*, with a collar, and on his shoulder an annulet, *argent*, the ancient crest of *Derham*, and a falcon rising, *or*.

Under this in a lozenge, *arg.* on a cross *gules*, five escollops, *or*, with a mullet, *sab.* in the dexter quarter, for difference, *Villiers*. The ornaments of this monument are highly beautiful, and what is most curious is, that the field, with the bearings on each field and arms, is of marble, all in their proper colours, and inlaid.

D. O. M.

Thomas Derham, Baronettus,[3] *Richardi Derham, Militis et Baronetti, et Franciscæ Derham, filiæ primogenitæ Roberti vicecomitis de Purbeck, filius; erga prudentem, providam et amantissimam matrem, necnon erga liberalitatem Tho. Derham, Militis olim Jacobi II. Regis Angliæ apud Cosmum III. Hetruriæ magnæ ducem, ablegati, Richardi Derham de Boston in comitatu Lincoln. armigeri, primogeniti Richardi Derham, Militis et Baronetti Consobrini. Qui in manerium de Derham se redegit, propriis sumptibus denuò ædificavit dominationem redituum ampliavit, Viduam Consobrini Executricem Testamentariam, et filium hæredem constituit, et memoria beneficæ magnanimitatis illustrium Decessorum suorum posteritati transmittatur adhuc vivens hoc grati animi monumentam posuit, Ao. Dni.* 1722.

Against the south wall of the chancel, enclosed with iron rails, is a sumptuous monument of marble and alabaster, rising to the top of the wall; on the summit is *gules*, a chevron between three mallets, *or*; the crest a hawk on the lure, *Soame*; on the cornish, a Cupid mourning, with two lamps. On a basis of veined marble stands the effigies of Colonel *Soame* in full proportion, in armour of alabaster; the workmanship of an eminent *Italian* carver, who, from a curious picture of the said colonel, has taken a wonderful likeness. On the pedestal is this inscription:

In a vault near this place lies the body of the honourable colonel Edmund Soame, of Derham-Grange in this parish, son of Edmund Soame of London, merchant, and Mary his wife; which Edmund was one of the sons of Sir William Soame of Thirlow-Hall in Suffolk; and she the daughter of Simon Middleton of Hackney, in the county of Middlesex, Esq.—In the reign of King William and Queen Mary, he went a volunteer into the wars of Ireland, and to their majesties and country's service dedicated the revenues of a plentiful estate, which he inherited; and having a captain's commission given him, behaved himself in all the wars during the reign of that king with such eminent courage and fidelity, that when Queen Ann came to the crown, her majesty first rewarded him with a lieutenant-colonel's commission, and afterwards with the command of a regiment; and being by his sovereign sent on an expedition into Spain, died as he was going, at Torbay in Devonshire, Sept. 8, 1706, *in the* 38*th year of his age, being thus immaturely cut off, when he was in pursuit of, and ready to be rewarded with the highest military honours. In the time of peace, and during the recess of arms, he was several years*

[3] In the reign of King James I. Sir Thomas Derham quartered, Vere, —— a canton flory of de luces —— paly of eight —— a chief vairy —— a lion rampant —— then Goddard and Denver.

a representative in parliament for the ancient borough of Thetford, in this county, where he approved himself to be as true and faithful a patriot in the senate house, as he was a brave and honourable commander in the field.

In the same vault, *lies the body of his only sister, Margaret Green, who died Aug.* 10, 1710, *relict of Giles Green, Esq.* according to her desire, between her husband and her brother; and in her last will, requested her executrix, Dame *Elizabeth Jenyns*, wife of Sir *Roger Jenyns* of *Botlesham* hall in *Cambridgeshire*, to erect this monument.

In the churchyard is an altar monument for

Thomas Baron, Gent. who died Aug. 4. 1725.

Burials.

Ann Derham, Gent. *July* 6, 1567. *William Fearnsley*, Gent. *Feb.* 12, 1583. *Peter Barton*, Gent. *Sept.* 18, 1584. ———*Gibbon*, Gent. *Feb.* 12, 1592. *Robert Derham*, Esq. *Dec.* 6, 1592. *Cath. Derham*, wife of *Thomas Derham*, Esq. *June* 21, 1616. *Ann*, wife of *Roger Prat*, Gent. *July* 21, 1619. Lady *Ann Derham*, wife of Sir *Thomas*, *May* 28, 1605. *Edward Brampton*, Gent. *July* 7, 1640. *Elizabeth*, wife of *Thomas Derham*, Esq. *Jan.* 24, 1640. *John Derham*, Esq. *May* 20, 1644. Sir *Thomas Derham*, *May* 28, 1645. *Baldwin Derham*, Gent. *Sept.* 11, 1658. *Ann Derham*, Gent. *May* 19. 1672. Lady *Elizabeth Derham*, *Nov.* 12, 1677. Sir *Henry Derham*, Bart. *May* 27, 1682. *John Baron*, Gent. *Nov.* 29, 1683. *Gregory Lovell*, Esq. *Sept.* 1. 1693. Sir *Thomas Derham*, *Oct.* 7, 1697. Colonel *Edmund Soame*, *Sept.* 26, 1706. *Gyles Green*, Gent. 1695. *Mary Green*, Gent. *Aug.* 1710.

Benefactors.

William and *John Millsop* gave each 20*l.* in 1660, with which a town-close in *Whintoft* field was purchased, containing two acres and a half, let at 2*l. per ann.* and given to the poor.

Gregory Lovell, Esq. gave by will 500*l.* with which land is bought at *Upwell* in *Norfolk*, let at above 30*l. per ann.* He appointed a sermon to be preached in this church on Lady, *Midsummer*, and St. *Thomas's* day, by the curate of the parish, and 40*s.* for each sermon to be paid to him, the rest to the most necessitous poor.

In 1706, Mrs. *Green* of *Derham Grange* gave a large silver flagon, and inclosed the communion table with decent rails and banisters.

WEST-DERHAM ABBEY.

This abbey was founded in the reign of King *Henry* II. by *Hubert Walter*, then dean of *York*; the particular year is not known, but was between the year 1168, when he was preferred to that deanery, and the year 1189,* when he was preferred to the see of *Salisbury*, having

* Founded, as an old MSS. says, on the feast of the assumption of the Blessed Virgin, in 1188.

bought the land on which it was built of *Geffrey Fitz-Geffrey*, and belonging to his own fee or lordship.

It was dedicated to God, and the Virgin *Mary*, for regular canons of the *Premonstratensian* order, who were to pray for his own soul, the souls of his father and mother, *Ralph de Glanvile*, justiciary of *England*, (who had the care of his education,) and of *Berta* his wife, as appears from the foundation of the charter.

— *Omnib: sancte matris ecclesie filiis p'sentib; et futuris Hubertus, Dei gratia Eboracensis ecclesie decanus, æternam in Domino salutem.— Prudentis est hiis, que saluti anime proficiunt, dum potest intendere, et transitoriis æterna commutare. Quod quidem intelligentes in honore Dei, et gloriose Virginis Marie, matris ejus quoddam cœnobium premonstratensis ordinis in feodo nostro apud Derham fundavimus, p. salute anime nostre, et patris et matris nostre, et Domine Radulphi de Glanvile, et Domine Berte uxoris ejus, qui nos nutriebant, et, p. salute fratrum sororum, consanguineorum, familiarium, et omnium amicorum nostrorum et p. fate domui et canonicis dedimus, et concessimus, et p'senti charta nostra confirmavimus totum tenementum in eadem villa cum 'pertinentiis quod de Galfrido filio Galfridi emeramus*, &c.

The witnesses were *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Ralph de Glanvile*, lord chief justice of *England*, *Walter Fitz-Robert*, *Geffrey Fitz-Peter*, *Richard de Derham*, parson of the church, *Nicholas de Derham*, and *Elias de Derham*, brethren.

Walter Fitz-Robert, one of the witnesses, was ancestor of the Lords *Fitz-Walter*, and had a grant of the lands forfeited by the Lord *Baynard*. He married *Maud*, a daughter and coheir of Sir *Richard de Lucy*, justiciary of *England*, &c. *Geff. Fitz-Peter* was afterwards Earl of *Essex*, and *Elias de Derham* was afterwards one of the founder's executors, *Ao.* 7° *Johs.*

The founder was a native of this town, son of *Hervy Walter*, brother of *Theobald Walter*, chief butler of *Ireland*, from whom the noble family of *Butler* Dukes of *Ormond* are descended.

The first preferment in the church that I find him possessed of was a fourth part or portion of the church of *Felmingham* in *Norfolk*;[5] after this he was dean of *York*, one of the barons of the Exchequer, Bishop of *Salisbury*, and Archbishop of *Canterbury*, legate to the Pope, lord chancellor, and chief justice of *England*; no clergyman, before or after him, had so great a power and authority, and no man ever used it with greater prudence and moderation, being the prime minister of King *Richard* I. and King *John*.

In the 3d year of King *John*, he had a grant of the custody of the castle and forest of *Windsor*, dated *May* 4, *apud Aumorl. viz. Albemarle* in *France*;[6] and in the said year, one to recover all his demeans that had been lately alienated, dated at *Vernole*.

King *John*, in his first year, granted to the abbot and convent a weekly mercate on *Wednesday*, and an annual fair for four days, *viz.* on St. *Matthew's*, and the three following days, with toll, stallage, and all liberties belonging to a mercate and fair; dated at *Westminster*, *June* 10. Witnesses *William* Bishop of *London*, *Hubert* Bishop of *Salisbury*, (the founder,) *Geff. Fitz-Peter* Earl of *Essex*, *William Marshal* Earl of *Pembroke*, *Hamel* Earl of *Warren*, &c.

[5] Regist, Abbat. de Holm. fol. 42, et 96. [6] No. 6.—No. 20.

In the aforesaid year, King *John*, by his charter dated at *Roan* in *France*, *Sept.* 7, at the request of the founder, confirmed to this abbey all their lands, rents, services and advowsons, which had been given by the founder of his own fee, and which he had of *Geffrey Fitz-Geffrey*, in the town of *Derham*, and exempted them from the services which *Walter Fitz-Robert* did to *Hubert*, their founder, which shows that *Walter* was a benefactor,) and to *Geffrey Fitz-Geffrey*, and the services which *Hubert* did to *Walter Fitz-Robert*.[7]

And, as far as belonged to his regal power, appropriated to them the church of *Kirby Malgedale*, which *Adam Fitz-Adam* gave the church of *Katham*, with the appertenances of the gift of *Hugh de Diva*. One knight's fee in *Walton* of the gift of *Margaret*, daughter of *Alexander le Moine*, and of *Roger Buch*, about which there had been a suit in the King's court, and they, by consent, gave up their right therein. The land at *Iclington*, which *Hubert* their founder, and *Walter* his brother gave, and which *Hamo*, son of *Walter* held, except 30*s.* rent *per ann.* belonging to the monks of *Iclington*. Land and tenements of the gift of their founder in *Oxford*, held of the priory of St. *Frideswide*, the rent of 40*s. per ann.* issuing out of a moiety of the fishery in *Mersh-Fen*, given them by *Hamelin Plantagenet* Earl *Warren*, and *Isabel* his wife, which *William Curteis* used to pay them at three terms in the year. What they held in *Smalbregg*, of the gift of *Henry de Pomerai*, and *Walter de Marmion*, paying to the said *Walter* 20*s. per ann.* Nine acres given by *Simon Britton* in the marsh, or sea-shore at *Wrangle* in *Lincolnshire*, to make salt-pits, with ground for a house, on the toft of *William* the priest, by *Rythfleet* bridge, with common of pasture for 36 cows or oxen.

Forty acres of land in *Hillington* in *Norfolk*, the gift of *Roger de Pavilli* out of his demean, with liberty of a fold, paying 2*s. per ann.*; the rent of half a mark in *Playford*, with certain homages, given by *Hervey Fitz-Peter*,[8] a moiety of the mill at *Acton*, which *Walter*, son of *Peter de Warham*, and the rent of 15*s.* in the mill of *Ringland*, which *Julian de Swathfield* gave; the rent of half a mark out of the mill of *Tichwell*, which *William Luvel de Ibery* gave: half a mark's rent given by *Peter Fitz-Walter* out of his mill at *Irstede*, to buy wine for mass in their church, &c. with soc, sac, tholl, and many other royal privileges, all granted by the King, under the hand of *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*: witness, *Geffrey* Archbishop of *York*.

Besides the benefactions here confirmed, I find the following persons to have been benefactors to this abbey.

Thomas de Burgh gave a messuage, many lands, quitrents, and a fishery at *Upwell*; and the abbot had a manor there.—*Alan*, son of *John de Tilney*, lands in *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalen*, and others of that name; lands at *Lynn Seche*, *Tilney*, *Sadlebow*, &c. and they had a manor at *Tilney*.—*Hubert Ruffin*, and *Robert* his son, lands at *Oxburgh*, in the reign of *Henry* III. and a several marsh in *Stoke-fen*.—*Barth. de Brancester*, lands in *Boughton*, and at *Barton Eastmore*, where a manor belonged to them.—Sir *Osb. de Stradeset*, lands at *Stradeset*, with a fishery at *Denver*, *Fordham*, &c. in the river *Ouse*,

[7] Dugd. Monast. Angl. vol. ii. p. 625.

[8] Playford in Suffolk.—Acton, now called Orton Dam, between Oxburgh and Stoke, where was a watermill.—Ringland in Norfolk.—Titchwell in Norfolk.—Irsted in Suffolk.

and was buried in the abbey church ; and *Cecilia de Stradeset*, lands at *Stradeset*, daughter of *Richard de Stradeset*.—*Adam*, son of *Alan de Wigenhale*, and many of that name, gave lands in the towns of *Wigenhale*.—*Peter*, son of *Robert de Watlington*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter of *Roger de Wigenhale*, lands in *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalen*.—Sir *Frederick de Capravil*, lands in *Wigenhale*; *Robert de Capravil*, and *John* his son, lands there, and in *Islington*.—*Lætitia*, daughter of *Robert de Capravil*, and wife of *Richard de Stradeset*, lands in *Werham*.—*William de Sculdham*, lands in *Clenchwarton*, *South Lyn*, *Walton*, &c.—*Cecilia*, daughter of *Roger de Bukton*, widow of *John de Shouldham*, lands in *Bukton*, and half a fold-course, there.—*Will. de Meysi* of *Werham*, lands in the field of St. *Winwaloy* in *Werham*, with a rent from *Will. de Brancaster*, and lands in *Boughton*; and *Arnold de Meysi*, lands in *Werham*.—*Ralph* son of *Reginald de Barsale*, lands at *Riston*; and *Roger de Barsale*, a messuage and lands there.—*Will. de Ginney*, a fishery at *Helgey*; *Thomas de Agenny*, and *Peter*, son of *Stonild*, fisheries there.—*Stephen de Stoke*, lands at *Stoke*, and a right in 2 fisheries.—*John de Badescroft* a fishery in the river *Ouse*,—*Peter de Narford*, a fishery between *Stoke* and *Witendun*, and his right in the mill at *Aketon*.—*Tho. de Buketon*, and others of the said name, lands in *Boketon*, *Berton*, &c.—*Ralph* and *Robert de Langwade*, lands at *Langwade*, and in *Oxburgh*; the abbot had a manor here and in *Cley*, with a close, called *Frith Croft* in *Shingham*, leased in the 11th of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *Henry Bedingfeld* of *Oxburgh*, at 33*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*. all wards, reliefs, &c. excepted.—*Alexander de Mara* gave lands at *Skredinton* in *Lincolnshire*, in the reign of *Henry* III.—*Hugh*, abbot of *Salley*, granted to *Roger*, abbot of *Derham*, &c. his right of common or pasture, in the forest of *Gysebourne* in *Yorkshire*, as by fine, *Ao*. 53 *Henry* III. for the sustentation of his manor of *Rahaved*.—The abbot had a lordship at *Ilketeshall* in *Suffolk*, called *Lions*, and lands at *Weybrede*.—*Jeffrey Platt* gave 100 acres of marsh.—*William Curteis* of *Well*, in 1237, bequeaths his body to be buried here, and 15 sticks of eels yearly to the convent.[9]

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbot claimed the lete here of his tenants, and the assise of bread and beer, a fair, toll, weif, &c. the amercements of his men, who were exempt from being impleaded in any court baron, or county court, but in the King's court alone, and a gallows.

Sir *William Howard*, the famous judge, ancestor of the Dukes of *Norfolk*, gave lands in *Tirington* and *Tilney*, *anno* 29 of *Edward* I.

In the 19th of that King, the abbot had a lordship, in *Barton*; in the 12th of *Edward* II. license to purchase 38 acres of land and 5 of meadow in *Berton over the ditch*, and one messuage, with 12 acres of land in *Tilney*, of *Richard Rigges* and *R. Goldy*; and in the 18th, it appears that the convent was obliged to pray for *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, as heir to the Lord *Monchensy*, who had been a principal benefactor. The convent had a manor or lands in *East Walton*, given by *Amica*, wife of *Alexander de Buterwythe*, and one in *Hillington*.

[9] Great part of these benefactions are an extract from the Leidger of West-Derham, taken by Robert Derham, and William Gybon, Esq. and now in the possession of Thomas Martin, Gent. of Palgrave in Suffolk. A stick, or stica, is said to contain 25 eels.

In the 16th of *Edward* III. the abbot certified to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer the value of their lands, &c. in *Derham, Upwell, Riston, Stradeset, Stoke, Wretton, Cley, Oxburgh, Caldecote, Senghham, Fincham, Buketon, Barton, Bicham, Werham, Islington, Thorp, Lenn* St. *Peter's*, and *North Lenn, Clenchwarton, Bexwell, Fordham, Watlington, Holcham, Rigland, Weston, Thimblethorp, Carleton, Brocke, Aseby, Cleidon, North Tudenham*, &c.

In the 33d *Henry de Weting*, chaplain, and *Stephen Talbot* of *Fincham:* gave one messuage, 140 acres of land and pasture, with 3*s.* rent in *Riston, West Derham, Denver, Downham, East Walton*, &c.; and in the 44th a patent for lands in *Cambridge;* and in the 16th of *Richard* II. one for 26 acres of land in *Holkam*, and a several fishery in *Merche;* also for a moiety of the manor of *Denver*, in the 47th of *Edward* III.

Henry de Wells, dean of *Chapel* field college in *Norwich*, archdeacon of *Lincoln*, &c. was a great benefactor, and at his death, 1431, buried here.

Besides the temporal possessions abovementioned, the abbot and convent had an interest in the following churches.

Derham, St. *Peter's*, given, as it seems by their founder, and appropriated to them, valued at 21 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 11*d.*—*Derham*, St. *Andrew's*, given by Sir *William de Timworth, Ao.* 2° *Henry* III. and appropriated. The jury, in 3d of *Edward* I. found it to be the gift of that knight; that he held it of *R. Curpel*, he of the Lord *Bardolf*, who held it *in capite*, for this grant of Sir *William Ralph*, then abbot, and the convent covenant that he should be partaker of all their prayers, &c. valued at 21 marks, &c.—*Kirkby Malondale*, in *Craven, Yorkshire*, given by *Adam Fitz-Adam*, and appropriated.—*Wretton* in *Norfolk*.—One moiety granted by *Peter de Narford*, the other by *Gilbert Buxi* of *Buckton*, and *Hugh Buxi, Ao.* 16 *Henry* III. and appropriated.—*Stradset* in *Norfolk*, the gift of Sir *Osbert de Stradeset, Ao.* 34 of *Henry* III. for the relief of the poor and needy who shall come to the abbey gate; the rectory appropriated, and the abbot, &c. patrons of the vicarage.—*Thorp* St. *Mary alias Geyton Thorp*, in *Norfolk*, a moiety appropriated in the grant of *Thomas de Hastings.*—*Ringland* St. *Peter's*, in *Norfolk*, given by *Julian de Swathfield* (and appropriated) *Ao.* 2° of King *John.*—*Holkham* in *Norfolk*, consisting of two medieties, given by *William* Lord *Montchensy, Ao.* 2°. of King *John*, and appropriated by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich.* One of the medieties is said to have been wrested from them by a lay-hand, and the other was recovered and confirmed to them *July* 16, 1347; the Bishop of *Norwich* nominated to it, and the abbot, &c. presented the vicar.—Holy *Trinity* church in *Cambridge*, of the gift of *William de Gernemutha* (*Yarmouth*) called *vineter* (a vintner there) appropriated, and patrons of the vicarage.—*Katham*, given by *Hugh de Diva, Quære*, if not in *Yorkshire?*—St. *John Baptist's* chapel, in *Barton Eastmore, Norfolk*, given by *Barth. de Brancastre*, to find two canons of this abbey to officiate therein: see in *Eastmore.*—*Oxburgh* in *Norfolk;* the patronage of this church was granted by ——— *de Gournay*, and *Hugh de Holand*, in the reign of King *Edward* III. and that King, *Ao.* 50, granted license to appropriate it, but it had no effect.—King *Edward* III. in his 10th year, granted license to the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgo*, to give,

&c. to the abbot and convent 7 messuages, 112 acres of land, &c. to find a chaplain in the chapel of St. *Winwaloe* at *Werham:* see there. —*Grimston* in *Norfolk.*—King *Edward* III. in his 48th year, gave leave to *Simon*, rector of *Castre*, and *Nicholas de Massingham*, to appropriate this church, which they had of *John de Wesenham*, and of *John*, son of *Benedict de Breccles*, and that a vicarage should be settled, to be presented by the convent, and to which they presented in 1399. After this, the Earl of *Arundel*, who was lord of the fee, recovered it, being granted without his consent.

The spiritualities of this abbey, with the priory of *Wynwaloy*, were valued in 1428 at 81*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*—The temporalities at 138*l.* 7*s.* 5*d. q.*—at the Dissolution. *Dugdale* says, it was in the whole valued at 228*l.* 0*s.* 0¼*d.* *Speed*, at 252*l.* 12*s.* 11¼*d.*

ABBOTS.

Augustin was the first abbot.

Ralph occurs in the reign of *Richard* I. in the 2d and 12th of *Henry* III. of this *Ralph* I have seen the following deed:

Omnib; &c. Radulfus Dei gratia abbas de Derham, et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Dno. noveritis, &c. Nos concessisse, &c. Adæ filio Galfridi de Hagebeche et heredib; &c. quator viginti acras terre que jacent in Uttwell inter terram prioris de Lewes, &c. reddendo inde nobis annuatim in p'petuum duodecem denarios de censu, &c. Et ut hec nostra donatio, &c. eam sigilli nostra appositione roboravimus.—Hiis testib; Rado. de Walpol clerico, &c. The seal to it is oblong, (*Plate I. Fig.* 3,) a dexter hand holding a crosier erect, alluding likely to their founder the Archbishop, and the legend——*Sigillum abbatis et conventus de Derham.*

Remigius was abbot in the 15th of *Henry* III. as by a fine then levied.

Angerius, in the 16th of *Henry* III. as by a fine.

Roger, in the 52d of *Henry* III.

Dionyse Walter, in the 14th of *Edward* I. as by a fine; and, in the 25th of that King, was an executor to *William* Lord *Montchensy.*

Simon, in the year 1304, as by the Register of *Castleacre.*

Walter de Donton elected abbot, had license given him to receive his benediction from the Bishop of *Ely*, on *March* 1, 1305.[1]

Paul de Tilney was admitted abbot *December* 21, 1313, and made to the Bishop of *Norwich* profession of obedience, which was in these words:

Ego frater Paulus, &c. electus Abbas, &c. subjectionem, reverentiam et obedientiam a sanctis patrib; constitutam secundùm regulam, &c. Tibi, Domine, Pater, Episcope, tuisq; successorib; canonice substituendis, et sancte sedi Norwic. salvo ordine nostro perpetuo me exhibiturum promitto.

John de Rocham, vel Rowham, a canon of *West Derham*, elected, admitted by the Bishop of *Norwich*, *May* 21, 1325, presented by the abbot of *Welbeck* in *Nottinghamshire.*

Nicholas occurs abbot in 1339.

[1] Lib. Instit. Norw.

William de Holt, admitted abbot by the Bishop, *April* 6, 1368, presented by the abbot of *Welbeck*.

Constantine occurs abbot in the 16th of *Richard* II.

John Flete occurs abbot in the 1st and 7th of *Henry* IV. he paid 6*d*. relief for lands held of the manor of *Werham-Hall*, at a court here, on *Saturday* before the feast of St. *Margaret*, *Ao.* 4 *Henry* IV. due on the death of *Constantine*, late abbot.[2] One

John occurs abbot, *Ao.* 21 *Richard* II. probably the same *John*, as appears by a deed of his, about lands in *Well*.

John, consecrated abbot *October* 5, 1412, in the Bishop's chapel at *Thorp* by *Norwich*.

Robert occurs abbot in 1428.

John Saresson, alias Wygenhale, occurs abbot in 1429; he was rector of *Oxburgh*, *Yaxham*, *Massingham Magna*, &c. dean of *Chapel-field* house, chancellor to the Bishop, &c.

John Lynn, abbot in 1459 and 1473.

William Makesley occurs in 1482.

John Martin, in 1488 and 1504.

John Wisbeach, in 1506.

William Norwich, admitted abbot by the Bishop of *Norwich*, *Nov.* 30, 1511.

Roger Forman, alias Formey, elected about 1522; in the 14th of *Henry* VIII. the bailiff of the Bishop of *Ely* had orders to distrain on the new abbot of *West-Derham*, holding a fishery at *March* in the isle of *Ely* by knight's service of that Bishop, 5*l*. being then due, and 2*s*. for relief. At the Dissolution, he surrendered the abbey, obtained a pension from the Crown of 66*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. *per ann.* and in 1544 was instituted rector of *Boughton*, and died in 1548.

At the Dissolution, several of the canons of this house were found guilty of incontinency in a most shameful manner:

—Robertus Walsand cum fe'ia. conjugata
—Thomas Munday cum fe'ia. soluta
—Ric'dus Norwolde diversis, tam conjugatis quam solutis et fatetur sodom.
—Johan. Jackson, fatetur voluntar. pollut.
—Ric'dus Watlington, fatetur voluntar. pollut.

—Thomas Dighton,
—Pet. Tilney,
—Rog. Gargrave,
—Tho. Downeham,
fatentur voluntar. pollut.

Ric'dus Norwalde, alias Marke, dicit in vim juramenti, et conscientiæ quod si omnes tamen ingenuè faterentur sua commissa Dno. Regi ut deberent, reperiret ne unum quidem ex monachis, vel presbyteris, qui aut utatur femineo congressu, aut masculo concubitu, aut pollution. voluntar. vel aliis id genus nephandis abusibus quare optaret—ex animo ut liceret eis omnibus quotquot velint uti remedio conjugii, et sperat Regiam Majestatem in hoc divinibus missa' esse in terris.—Sic dicit etiam Ric'dus Watlington.

—Præterea D. Tilney et Roger. Gargrave, qui gerebant curam animarum ruri, interrogati de usu nimis sodomit. dicunt quod illud crimen

[2] Rot. Maner. de Werham.

regnat ut plurimum in presbyteris tam secularibus quam regularibus et juvenibus qui nondum sunt conjugati, et illi etiam optarent remedium conjugii talibus concedi.[3]

In 1553, here remained in charge these following annuities or pensions to religious persons of this house:[4]

Thomas Hawe, 2l. per ann.—James Hawe, 1l. 10s. per ann.

John Jackson, 5l. per ann. This man was married and divorced from his wife in the reign of Queen *Mary;* he then lived at *Werham* and probably served the cure there.

This abbey being of the *Premonstratensian* order, it may not be improper to give here the genealogy of it, which was always religiously kept, and observed in all religious houses.

Premonstratum begat *Liskes.—Liskes,* a *Norman Premonstratensian* abbey begat *Newhus.—Neuhous* in *Lincolnshire,* the first *Premonstratensian* abbey in *England,* begat *Welbeck.—Welbeck* in *Nottinghamshire,* the 3d *Premonstratensian* abbey in *England,* begat *West-Derham.—West-Derham* in *Norfolk,* the 12th *Premonstratensian* abbey in *England.*

In 1465, the 5th of *Edward* IV. the state of this abbey is thus represented in a MSS. Register of the *Premonstratensian* Order.[5]

1. *Archiepiscopus Cantuar. est Fundator.*
2. *Abbas de Welbeck est Pater Abbas.*
3. *Quinq; habet ecclesias curati; quidam canonici perpetui, quidam seculares, quidam revocabiles.*
4. *Fundatum erat in honore B. Marie Virginis ad festum assumptionis, Anno Dom.* M.C.LXXXVIII.

Hubert Walter, the founder, being afterwards Archbishop of *Canterbury,* all his successours in the see of *Canterbury* from him had the title, and in times of necessity were applied to, as founders, or patrons.

The abbot of *Welbeck* was father-abbot, because *Derham* had its first canons from *Welbeck;* and for this reason, when the abbot of *Derham* died, the canons always sent his seal to that father-abbot; and, at the same time, prayed him to fix a day when he would be at *Derham* to see them make a fair election of a new abbot, and himself intsall him; and it appears that the abbot of *Welbeck* presented the new abbot to the Bishop of *Norwich* for admission, &c.

In 1506, *Thomas Wilkinson,* abbot of *Welbeck,* and commissary-general to the abbot of *Premonstratum,* went his progress to visit all the abbies of this order. He arrived here 20th of *October* at supper-time; on the 21st he visited this house; on the 22d he made an end, and lay that night at *Ely,* at the charge of the abbot of *Derham.*

Persons here buried:

Sir *Osbert de Stradeset,* Knt.—*Roger de Hengham,* rector of *Buckton, alias Boughton.—Henry Wells,* archdeacon of *Lincoln,* and dean of St. *Mary's* College in the fields at *Norwich,* buried here in 1431.[6]

[3] Compendium Compert. MSS. penes Pet. le Neve Norroy.

[4] Certific. de Pension. &c. MSS. in Regist. Norwich. p. 27.

[5] MSS. penes Reverend. Virum Magistrat. Peck, Rect. de Godby. in Comit. Leicest.

[6] Willis's Hist. of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 150.

—*Ellene Gawsell*, Gent.[7] of *Watlington*, by will dated on the feast of St. *Clement*, 1504, desires to be buried in the monastery of Our Lady at *West-Derham*, and gives to *John Martin*, abbot, an image of the salutation with a vernakill.[8]—*Thomas Gawsell* of *Walyngton*, Esq. her husband, wills in 1500, to be buried in the chapel of St. *John* in *Derham* abbey.—*Richard de Fransham*, Esq. wills in 1378 his body to be buried here, proved 8 *May*, the said year, dated at *Langford*, *Norfolk*; *John de Methwold*, his nephew, and executor.——*Reg. Heyton.*

DOWNHAM.

In ancient accounts it occurs by the name of *Downham Market*, and *Downham Hithe*: *Spilman* says the market here was of such antiquity, that he finds it confirmed by *Edward* the Confessor. The town is seated on a hill to the east of the river *Ouse*, over which and the fens it has an extensive view and prospect, and takes its name from its site, a *Ham* or dwelling, on a *Dun*, *Down*, or *Hill*. The principal manor was given by King *Edgar*, with the hundred of *Clacklose*, to *Ramsey* abbey.

ABBOT OF RAMSEY'S MANOR.

The principal manor here was in the abbot, of which an account may be seen at large in *Wimbotsham*, it extending itself into this town, and he had the same privileges here as in that village. It appears that King *John* granted or confirmed a fair here to the abbot, in his 6th year, and the privilege of a gallows here, or hanging malefactors was allowed him in the time of *Henry* III.[9] On the dissolution of this abbey, it was granted by King *Henry* VIII. to *Robert Miller*, &c. as is mentioned in *Wimbotsham*, and so passed through several hands to the *Hares*, Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being the late lord.

INGALDESTHORP MANOR.

At the survey *William* Earl *Warren* had here 30 acres held by 9 freemen, and half a carucate of land, valued at 12*s*. 4*d*. St. *Bennet*, that

[7] Reg. Rix, p. 43. in Regist. Norwic. ——Reg. Cage, p. —.

[8] A vernakill was a handkerchief or napkin, whereon was the form or impress of our Saviour's face, called also Veronica, from the handkerchief of our Saviour, whereon the likeness of his face was formed in a miraculous manner, when he was led to the cross and crucified: the original is said to be preserved in St. Peter's church at Rome, and adored by the Papists.

[9] Cart. 6 Joh. n. 96.——P'lita Coron. A°. 34 Hen. III. r. 28.

is the abbey of *Ramsey*, had the soc and protection, but the Earl laid claim to it by an exchange.[1] This appears to be held under the Earls *Warren*, by the *Ingaldesthorps*, of whom see in *Wimbotsham*, and passed to the *Hares*, as is there shown.

BARDOLPH MANOR.

Hermerus de Ferrer seized on 13 socmen, (as appears from the *Book of Domesday*,) who held 40 acres and a carucate, valued at 10*s*. his predecessor had only the protection of them.[2] This descended to the Lords *Bardolph*, and was held by *Blake*, and *Prat*, as I take it, and came to the *Hares*, as observed in *Wimbotsham*, but anciently went with the manor which the Lords *Bardolph* had in *Wimbotsham*.

Rainold, son of *Ivo*, had at the survey the land late of 3 freemen who held 20 acres and an half, valued at x*d*. and were under protection only; also of one freeman with 7 acres, whose protection lately was in the predecessor of *William de Warren*, valued at 12*d*.[3]—This descended to the Earls of *Clere*, and in the time of *Henry* III. *Edward* I. &c. was held of that honour by the family of the *Narfords* by the 23d part of a fee. This tenure went along with another small one held of the aforesaid honour in *Bexwell*.

Roger Bigot had at the survey a freeman's land, who held 12 acres valued at 16*d*.—Also St. *Audrey* (that is the church of *Ely*) had 2 villains here, who held 12 acres and one acre of meadow, valued at xii*d*. All *Dunham* is said then to be 3 furlongs long, and 2 broad.[4] *Bigot's* part seems to have come soon after into the hands of the Lords *Bardolph*, or to be held by them of the heirs of *Bigot*, and that which belonged to the church of *Ely* was granted by King *Henry* VIII. 10 *Sept*. in his 33d year, to the dean and chapter of *Ely*.

It is an agreeable town, well paved, has a good market on *Saturday*, supplied with fish and fowl from the neighbouring fens, and a bridge over the *Ouse* leading to *Well*, *Wisbeach*, &c. Near to this bridge, on the town side, is a market kept for butter every *Monday*, where, in the height of summer and spring, about 3000 firkins are said to be bought up by several factors, and sent hence by water to *Cambridge*, and thence to *London* by land carriage, and called there *Cambridge* butter. This bridge anciently belonged to the Lords *Bardolph*; and I find that on the 1st of *July*, in the 32d of King *Henry* VI. *John Trenthale*, in the name and license of *John* Lord Viscount *Beaumont*, (a descendant of the Lords *Bardolph*,) leased to *Peter Baker*, *Thomas Spencer*, *Robert Lyster*, and *John Chaunter* of *Downham*, the bridge here, at the rent of 13*s*. and 4*d*. *per ann*. they being obliged to keep it in repair at their own charge, and to take the accustomed

[1] Terr. W. de Warrenna.—In Dunham, xxx. ac. qd. ten. ix. lib. hoes. semp. dim. car. et val. xii. sol. et iiii *d*. de his ix. ho'ib; ht. Sts. Bends. comd. et soc. et W. de War. recl. p. escangio.

[2] Invas. Herm. de Ferr. In Duneham, xiii. lib. xl. acr. sep. i. car. val. x. sol. in his non hab. antec. nisi comd.

[3] Iva. Rain. fil. Ivon.—In Duneham, iii. lib. hoes. de xx. acr. et dim. comd. tant. val. x*d*. In ead. i. lib. ho. de xvii. acr. comd. antec. W. de Warr. m°. ten. val. xii*d*.

[4] Terr. Rogeri Bitgoti. In Dunham, i. lib. ho. xii. ac. et val. xvi *d*.—Terr. Sce. Adeld. In Dunham, ii. vill. xii. acr. et ii. ac. pti. val. xii*d*. tot. Dunham habet iii. quar. in long. et ii. in lat.

tolls; but it was provided and excepted, that all the tenants, farmers, residents, &c. of the said Lord, belonging to his manor of *Stow*, should be free from the said toll.[5]

The lete was in Sir *Thomas Hare*, Bart. fee 2*s.* 8*d.* who has lately obtained a charter for 2 fairs in the year, one on *May* 8, the other on *November* 2.

Doctor *Badgcroft*, master of *Cajus* college, *Cambridge*, left by will 100*l.* to this town, to clothe the poor, for fuel, &c. with which land is purchased, now rented at 8*l. per ann.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Edmund*, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, built of car or rag-stone, and covered with lead; at the west end, stands a low four-square tower of the same materials, embattled, and with buttresses, quoins, &c. of free-stone, wherein are 5 bells; on this is erected a small spire of wood, covered with lead. The vault of the nave is supported by pillars forming 10 arches, 5 on each side, of a different workmanship, and turn; the roof is of oak, and at the west end is a neat gallery fineered, &c. and on the old octangular font, a shield on each angle, *viz.* two arrows in saltire, with a crown over them, to set forth the shield of St. *Edmund*,—three escollops, St. *James's*,—a cross, St. *George*,—two swords in saltire, St. *Paul*,—a saltire, St. *Andrew*,—two keys in saltire, St. *Peter*,—a cross with two spears in saltire, with a crown of thorns on the head of the cross, our Saviour's shield; the other is obscure. In this nave hangs on a piece of iron work a glass or crystal branch with 8 sockets; the nave is in length about 62 feet, and breadth with the 2 isles about 45. —The chancel is camerated, and covered with reed, in length about 34 feet, and in breadth about 16; the communion table is railed in, and is ornamented with the 10 Commandments, and the pictures of *Moses* and *Aaron*. Against the north wall is a stone thus inscribed;

RADULPHUS HARE, Baron. hujus tecti materiam ex pio erga Deum, nec minus benevolo erga rectorem, affectu liberè suppeditavit A°. Dom. 1702.

South of the chancel and adjoining is a little chapel, about 18 feet long and 13 broad, covered with lead; on the pavement lies a grave-stone with a brass plate; what remains is this, - - - - - *Johis. Rouse,* - - - - - - - *p' pit. Deus.*

In the church was anciently the arms of *Ramsey* abbey, *or*, on a bend *azure*, three rams heads erased *argent*, and those of Lord *Bardolph.*

On an altar tomb in the churchyard,

H. S. E.

Maria Uxor Gul. Adkin.
Cujus superstes Virtus Cineri,
Mariti florèt lugentis memoria,
Fatoq; non divulsus amor.
Hic nempe conditur
Exemplar Conjugii optimum,
Matrona (siquæ alia)

[5] Evident. Thomas Hare, Baron.

Cujus cordi Pietas et Fides
Linguæ Vultuiq; insedit benignitas,
Quæ etiam in longis sinistræ Valetudinis,
Doloribus mansit composita.
Cujus patientiam, Moresq; placidos,
Non ipsa Pthisis potuit deterere
Ubi tuus, O Sepulchrum, aculeus!
In salo Marmor hoc ponentis Animo,
Tam grave plorantis damnum Conjugis,
Qui non ita de Luctu suo,
Ut Victrix de Morte Fœmina
Triumphavit.

Obt. pr. Id. Oct.

Anno { *Salut.* 1717,
Ætat. 33.

On another altar tomb there,

Lector sub hoc marmore
THOMAS CRICK.
(Hujus villæ nuper Generosus)
In certam renascendi spem,
Spei incertæ anchoram demisit,
Optiman mercat. mercaturam,
Obt. 6°. Id. Martii.
Æræ autem Xtianæ.
Anno Milles°. 6 Centess° 9 nagess°. 5°.
Victurosq; Dii celant, ut vivere durent,
Fœlix esse mori.
Juxta, versus dextram jacet
Hen. Saffery, Gen. variolar. morbo abreptus,
Heu! miseri frustra morbos vitamus acerbos
Mortis enim, mors est, quotidiana, timon,
Gratia, nec vultus prodest, socieq; lepores,
Nedum maturi pectora firma viri.
Nempe Henrice alitèr te tardior urna maneret,
Dixerat et nondum mœsta camœna vale

Obiit. 7m^o Idus Januarii

Anno { *Salutis* 1721.
Ætatis 45.

At the east end of the churchyard is a monument covered with a long ridged stone, on the south side thus inscribed,

Lucretia, { *Filia Thomæ Peirson, de Wisbeach, defuncti,* { *Gen.*
Uxor Robti. Southous senis de hâc villa

Unico filio sup'stite: Martino,
3bs. filiab; defunctis, Gratia,
Mariana, } *Southous.*
Maria.

Obiit. 21, *Julii, A°.* 1663°.
A°. suæ Ætat. - - - 7-.

Let every wife,
Remember her life
And her waies to imitate,
So shall ye be sure,
Good names to p'cure,
And wickedness learn for to hate.

On the nor th side:

Hicq; sepulta jacet, caro defleta marito,
Notis, vicinis, pauperibusq; suis.
Nec fuit hisce suis olim Lucretia Romæ,
Aut Collatino charior illa suo.

On the west end, or head:

Iidemq; { *Robs. et Lucretia.* } *Southous, 24 ans.*

Insimul { *amanter et feliciter* } *vixer.*

In omnibus diebus usurpationis istius Impbi. Oliv. Cromwell, p'ditoris, p'ditor.

On another altar tomb,

Will. Parlett Armig. inter uxores et partus sub. spe resurrectionis, hic jacet sepultus.

Buried here,

Sir *Nich. Holmes Aug.* 3. 1558, a chantry priest. *John Badgcroft*, Gent. *March* 9, 1580. *Margt. Badycroft*, Gent. 15 *Bridget*, wife of *Christopher Badgcroft*, Gent. 1st. *Sept.* 1588. *Christopher Badgcroft*, Gent. 29th. *June*, 1622.

RECTORS.

William ——— about 1202.

1304, *Matthew de Tillebroke*, presented by the abbot and convent of *Ramesy*.

1311, *Henry de Deneford*, by *ditto*.

1312, *Roger de Nassyngton*, by *ditto*

1316, *Richard de Weresley*, by *ditto*.

Edward Lascy.

1357, *Jeffrey Lisse*, by *ditto*, on an exchange for *Sutton* vicarage in the isle of *Ely*.

1368, *William Brown*, by *ditto*, on an exchange with *Lisse* for *Melbourn*, in *Cambridgeshire*.

1404, *Thomas Ledlady*, by *ditto*.

1412, *Robert Flode*, by *ditto*, on an exchange with *Ledlady* for *Lynn All-Saints*.

John Broun.

1412, *Robert Trussbut*, on *Broun's* resignation, by *ditto*.

1420, *Richard Hereford*, by *ditto*.

1425, *Henry Martyn*, by *ditto*, on an exchange for *Wigenhale* St. *Mary Magdalen*.

1432, *Godfrey Martyn*, L. L.B. on *Henry Martyn's* resignation, by *ditto*.

1436, *Thomas Champneys*, by *ditto*.

1438, *John Batcomb*,[6] on *Champeney's* death, presented by the abbot, &c.

1449, *Thomas Geyst.*

Richard Howard.

1449, *Richard Vigerous* on *Howard's* death, by *ditto*

Thomas Goryng, a *Benedictin* monk or friar, was presented by the abbot, &c. about 1455, as appears from *Ramsey* abbey register.

Thomas Honyter

1508, *James Jackson* on *Honyter's* death, by *ditto.*

1514, *Eliseus Jackson.*

1517, *John Emottes*, on *Jackson's* death, by *ditto*,

1521, *John Rogers*, on *Emottes*, resignation, by *ditto.*

1521, *John Horewode*, on *Rogers's* death, by *ditto.*

1540, *Hugh Hall*, on *Horwode's* death, by *Thomas Gawsell*, on a grant from the abbot of *Ramsey.*

1541, *Baldwi tDerham*, on the death of the last rector, by the King.

1554, *Thomas Fretwell*, (*Dereham* being deposed by Queen *Mary*,) presented by *Robert Miller*, Gent. to whom King *Henry* VIII. granted the patronage in the 36 year, *Pat.* 19.

1558, *Hugh Tayler*, on *Fretwell's* resignation by *Robert Miller*, Gent. died in the same year.

1558, *John Stokes*, L. L. B.[7] buried *October* 15, 1587.

1587, *John Butler*, A. B. by *Francis Gawdy*, serjeant at law. *Robert Miller*, conveyed the patronage to *John Walpole*, and *William Walpole* in the 16th of *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to *Gawdy*. *Butler* was buried 18th of *February* 1640. In 1603, here were 200 communicants, as appears in his answer to the King.

1640, *John Gilbert*, A. M. by *John Dusgate*, of *Cockley Cley*, Gent.

1656, *William Thetford*, by Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart.

1688, *John Butler*, A. M. by Sir *Thomas Hare*, Bart died *February* 2, 1732, rector of *West Winch.*

1733, *Richard Eaton*, A. B. by Sir *Thomas Hare*, Bart.

It appears from *Norwich Domesday Book*, that in the reign of *Edward* I. the abbey of *Ramsey* had the patronage, the rector held 30 acres of land, with an house, valued at 11 marks, *Peter*-pence, 16*d.* a pension was paid by the rector of 4*s. per annum* to the sacrist of that abbey, now a fee farm rent paid lately to Mr. *Pile.*

The rectory is valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged of tenths and first-fruits.

In 1428, the temporalities of *Carhow* nunnery here were valued at 4*s.* 5*d. per annum.*

The temporalities of *Ramsey* abbey at 3*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*¼. *per annum* with the fishery and their spiritualties at 4*s.* 5*d.* with the priory or cell of *Modeney.*

West Derham abbey had possessions here, granted to *Ed. Spanye* and *John Baspoole*, 1st of *July* in the 7th of *Edward* VI.

In this church was the isle of our Lady, and the altar of our Lady —St. *Edmund's* gylde, and St. *James's*, and St. *John Baptist's.*

[6] This John Batcomb was one of the clerks of the King's chapel, and the abbot and convent of Ramsey paid him 100*s. per ann.* at the King's request: on this presentation that pension ceased. Regist. Abb. Rams.

[7] Presbyter conjugatus doctus, residet hospitalis non prædicat, nec licentiatus nullum aliud. Parkeri Certificator.

On the other side of the bridge of *Downham*, near to the foot of the said bridge, stood an old hermitage, or cell; this was probably founded by a Lord *Bardolph*, the presentation thereto being in that family, as appears from the rolls of the honour of *Wirmegay*, the seat of their barony. In the reign of King *John*, there was an agreement made between the custos of this hermitage and *William*, then rector of *Downham*, in the presence of *Robert de Redings*, then abbot of *Ramsey*, the patronage of the church of *Downham* being in that abbey, &c.

Hæc est conventio facta inter fratrem Ailettum qui tenet heremitorium de Downham et Will. Person. ecclesie de Downham quod ipse Ailetus pro omnib; decimis et obventib; ejusdem loci annuatim reddet eccles. de Downham xii. *denar. ad pascha, in festo autem Sci. Andr. capellans. de Downh. missam celebravit in capellâ Heremitor. in Downh. et medietas oblation. cedet personæ eccles. de Downham, et alia medietas fratris ejusd. loci. Nullus autem confrater perpetuus præter illos tres qui modo ibi sunt, viz. Sigherus, Stammerus et Turstanus, nec aliquis cappellan. perpetuus vel annualis recipietur, nisi p. eccles. Rames. cum assensu personæ eccles. de Downh. Qui cappellanus fidelitatem præstabi qd. in nullo diminuet jus paroch. eccles. de Downh. confratres qui ibt fuerint spiritualia percipient ab eccles. Rames. ad quam si pervenire noni poterint, eadem recipiant ab eccles. de Downh. et non ab aliâ Seculares autem viri, si qui ibi fuerint pertinebunt ad eccles. de Downh. tanquam parochiam, si vero abbas illuc ubiquem de monachis suis mittere voluerit, quamdiu placuerit ibi remanebit. Ista conventio facta est apud Ramsey in præsentia Dni. Rob. abbatis, et ejus authentico sigillo roborat. Utriumq; fide præstitâ hiis testib. Willo. priore,* &c. sans date

FINCHAM.

THIS town, at the grand survey, was in the tenure of several great *Norman* lords; the Earl *Warren* had 2 carucates of land, of which a freeman belonging to the soc of *Ramsey* abbey was deprived, and *Hugh* held it under that Earl; also the lands of 24 freemen, with 6 borderers, 4 servi, 10 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and half a carucate of the tenants, valued at 60s.[8] The said Earl had here the tenures of 8 freemen, who were expelled, with 11 borderers, 5 servi, being 2 carucates in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, 16 acres of meadow, and when he took possession of it, there

[8] Terr. W. de Warrenna.—In Phincham ten. lib. ho. ad socha. abbs. de Rameseia, ii. car. tre. T. R. E. mo. ten. Hugo, tc. xxiii. lib. hoes. et modo. et vi. bord. et iiii. serv. et x. acr. p'ti. semp. ii. car. in dnio. tc. dim. car. hom. m°. i. semp. val. LX. sol.

were 200 sheep, &c. 6 cows, &c. 4 runci, valued at 60*s.* at the survey, before at 40*s.*[9]—*William* held this of the Earl.

William Brant held of the Earl in the said town 2 carucates of land, of which a free woman was deprived, with 2 freemen, 4 borderers, 4 servi, 16 acres of meadow, 12 carucates in demean, &c. valued at 30*s* with 12 acres, valued at 12*d.*[1] This whole manor of *Fincham* was one leuca long, half a leuca broad, whoever was lord, and when the hundred and half paid 20*s.* gelt, it paid 16*d.* gelt.

The town seems to take its name, as seated by low meadows, &c. thus *Finchley* in *Middlesex*, *Finchingfield* in *Essex*.

TALBOT'S-HALL.

This was a very considerable manor, and took its name from the family of *Talbot*, who were soon after the conquest enfeoft of the same by the Earl *Warren*, to this lordship and family, the patronage of the church of St. *Michael* in this town belonged. *William Talbot* gave it to the priory of *Castleacre*, founded by the Earl *Warren*, and was confirmed by *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, who ordained that the monks should receive a mark of silver yearly. This *John* was *John* of *Oxford*, Bishop in the reign of *Henry* II. The deed of *William Talbot* is *sans* date;[2] he gives therein the advowson, and all things thereto belonging, which he or his heirs had therein, or could give:—Witnesses, *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Thomas*, archdeacon,[3] *John*, archdeacon, Master *Peter de Tilneia*, Master *Gervase*, son of *Nicholas*. *Jeffrey Talbot*, by his deed *sans* date, gave to the said priory a croft, called *Bekelofvescroft*, and 7 acres of land:—Witnesses, *Richard Curpeil*, *Hugh de Suldham*, *Sampson* his nephew, *John de Swaffham*, *William de Geldeford:* he also gave the homage of *William Swein*, with all his cattle, &c.—Witnesses, *Roger* and *Richard Curpeil*, *William de Littlewell*, *William de Suldham*, &c. and in the reign of *Henry* III. when an aid was granted to that King, Sir *Sampson Talebot*, and *Adam Talebot* held two knights fees here of the Earl *Warren;* the said *Sampson* confirmed the grant of the advowson aforesaid, and also gave to the monks of *Castleacre* a toft called *Skevening*, and 4 acres of land:—Witnesses, *William*, prior of *Rudham*,[4] *Hugh de Suldham*, *William* his brother, *John de Fincham*, &c. In the 35th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Hugh*, son of *Adam Talbot*, querent, and *Sampson Talebot*, tenant, of one carucate of land and an half here, in *West-Derham*, &c. released to *Sampson*;[5] after this, the said King

[9] In ead. vill. semp. viii. lib. hoes. q. ten. W. et xi. bor. et v. serv. semp. ii. car. in dominio, et dim. car. hom. xvi. acr. p'ti. quando recep. cc. oves. &c. et m°. c. semp. xi. an xxiiii. por. et iiii. runc. tc. val. xl. sol. et m°. lx.

[1] In ead. villa ten. Will. Brant, ii. car. tre. quas tenuit i. libera femina T.R.E. semp. ii. lib. hoes. et iiii. bor. et iiii. serv. et xvi. acr. p'ti. semp. ii. car. in dnio. et ii. oves. et iii. porc. et val. xxx. sol.

In ead. villa xii. acr. et val. xiid. Totum hoc manerium Phincham hab. i. leuga in longo, et dim. in lato. qu. hund. et dim. redd. xx. sol. de gelto, et hæc villa xvi*d.*

[2] Regist. Castleacre.

[3] Thomas was archdeacon of Norfolk in the time of John of Oxford Bishop of Norwich.

[4] Rudham, alias Cokesford, in Norfolk.

[5] Fin. Lig. 6. N. 2. —— Ragman's bagg. in Cur. S'ccarii.

granted to *Robert le Bigod* the lands of *John Talbot* in this town, who took part with the rebellious barons.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *John de Pagrave*, chaplain, settled lands as a trustee on *Adam Talbot*, and *Petronella* his wife.[6] This *Adam* had a manor and free tenants, a messuage, 2 carucates of land, 10 acres of meadow, a windmill, free bull and boar, 16 customary tenants who held 50 acres in villanage, and 7 cottages, held of *William de Wauncy*, and he of the Earl *Warren*.—In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Peter Talbot*, and *Cecilia* his wife, held the same; in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John Talbot* was lord; and in the 35th of that King, on the 18th of *June*, the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, let to farm (as patrons of St. *Michael's* church) to *Thomas Buxkyn*, rector of the said church, with the consent of *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich*, two parts of the demeans, formerly of *Nigell*, and *William de Spineville*, *Sampson Talebot*, *Richard de Mayners*, *Richard de la Coumbe*, and of *John de Littlewelle* in *Fincham*, containing in all 860 acres of land, at the rent of 7 marks *per ann.*[7]

Thomas Talbot, son and heir of *Thomas*, was lord in the 17th of *Henry* VI. and sealed with six dexter hands couped at the wrist, which was the shield of *Wauncy*, who bore them, *argent*, in a field, *gules*; and *Thomas Talbot*, Gent. died seized of it, *March* 18, 1477, leaving *Christopher* his son and heir, *John* his son, and *Florence* his daughter;[8] and appoints *Catharine* his wife executor, and *John Fincham*, Esq. supervisor.

In the 36th of *Henry* VIII. *John Spring*, Esq. conveyed it to *Edmund Lumnour*, and *Rose* his wife; and in the 7th of *Edward* VI. *Lumner* conveyed it to *Thomas Drury*;[9] but most of the demeans were separated from it before this; and soon after it came to the *Finchams*; and *William Fincham* conveyed it, 12th of *Elizabeth*, to *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. who married his sister; *Cornwallis*, on *Nov.* 1, in the 28th of that Queen, to *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. &c. On *Aug.* 30, in the 32d of the said Queen, it came to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. (afterwards a judge) and by the marriage of his grand-daughter to the Earl of *Warwick*: and on *May* 20, and in the 18th of *James* I. was conveyed by him, Sir *Thomas Cheek*, and the Lady *Essex* his wife, to Sir *Ralph Hare* of *Stow Bardolf*, in whose family it continues; Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being late lord.

LITTLE-WELL HALL.

William de Littlewell was lord before the reign of *Henry* III. *Sampson de Littlewell*, in the said reign, held one messuage, 60 acres of land, 2 of meadow, with free tenants and villains, free bull and boar of the Earl *Warren*, by the moiety of a fee.[1] In the 17th of *Edward* II *John de Littlewell* of *Fincham* conveyed it to *Hugh de Holewoton*, *alias Helgeton*, and *Maud* his wife, and *Simon* their son; and *Maud*, widow of the said *Hugh*, gave it to *Agnes* her daughter, by deed, sealed with barry of eight. *Gregory Attelathe* held it in the 14th of *Richard* II. and after that *Thomas Thoresby*; but, in the 9th of *Henry* IV.

[6] Evid. Tho. Hare, Baron.
[7] Reg. Castleacre, fol. 139.
[8] Reg. Gelour, part. 2. fol. 169.
[9] Term. Trin. N. 207.
[1] See before, Note 6.

William Thuxton and *Margaret* his wife conveyed it, by fine, to the Lady *Alianore Inglethorpe*, relict of Sir *William*, who, in the said year, gave it to *John Allen* of *Fincham*. After this, *Nicholas Geyton* was lord, who by his will dated *Nov.* 10, 1476, gave it to *Thomas* his son; and was buried in the midst of St. *Martin's* church here; but in 1489, this manor, with 2 fold-courses, free bull and boar, &c. with a right of fishery, and pools in *Littleport*, *Southrey*, *Hilgey*, *Fordham* and *Well*, passed from the *Geytons* into the family of *Fincham*. In the 32d of *Henry* VIII. *John Fincham* died lord of it; and in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, *William Fincham* conveyed it to *John Heigham*, from whom it came to *Thomas Gawsell*, *Jasper Blake*, &c. who in the 32d of that Queen, sold it to *Edmund Guybon* and *John Mundeford*, Gents. then to *Judge Gawdy*, &c. and in the 17th of King *James*, Sir *Thomas Cheek*, &c. conveyed it to *William Rolph*, and so came to Sir *Ralph Hare*, in whose family it continues, being united with their other manors here.

COMB'S MANOR.

In the beginning of the reign of *Henry* III. *Richard de la Comb* was lord; and *Edmund de la Comb*, son of *Richard*, in the 16th of *Edward* I. whose daughter and heir, *Joan*, relict of *Simon de Harptegne*, possessed it in the 3d of *Edward* III. as appears by her deed and seal, with a head (probably that of St. *John Baptist*) in a charger and a bird in chief. She had two sons, *Simon* and *Edmund*; *Simon* assumed the name of *Comb*, and was lord in the 21st of the said King, as appears by his deed sealed with 4 escutcheons, two in fess, each charged with two men's heads couped, and respectant; one in chief, with a lion rampant, and one in base, with a lion couchant. *Edmund* aforesaid held of the Earl *Warren* one messuage, 20 acres of land, one of meadow, several free tenants, and had 3 villains, who held 18 acres. In the 6th of *Henry* IV. the heir of *Thomas Combe* of *Fincham*, held the same of the duchy of *Lancaster*, and was then (being under age) in the king's ward. In the 16th of *Henry* VI. *John Stourton*, and others were pardoned for purchasing without license of the dean of *Wells* this manor; but in the 27th of that king, *John Bexwell* was lord; and *Thomas Bexwell*, in the 4th of *Edward* IV. In the 4th of *Henry* VII. *Richard Bexwell* kept his first court as lord; and on *March* 28, in the 20th of *Elizabeth*, *Francis Bexwell*, Esq. sold it to *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. then it came to *Thomas Gawsell*, &c. as above, and to Sir *Ralph Hare*, &c. and so it was united to the other lordships.

BENEFELD'S MANOR.

John de Benefeld was lord in the reign of *Henry* III. *William Benefeld* his son (as I take it) married *Agnes*, daughter of *Richard de Mayners*; which *Richard* had also a lordship here, and gave the tithe of his demeans to the priory of *Castleacre*. This *Agnes* being a widow, and *Isabel* her sister and coheir, wife of *Philip Newland*, came to a division of their inheritance about the end of the aforesaid reign, whereby *Isabel* was to have lands in *Marham*, and her heirs; and

Agnes, and her heirs, lands in *Halseton* and *Orlarswyk* in *Sussex*; and both agree, that the land in *Fincham*, held in dower by *Lætitia*, their brother *Ralph's* widow, should be equally divided after her decease; but the capital messuage there should be *Isabell's*. In the time of *Edward* I. *Richard de Benefeld* held it of the Earl *Warren*, by the 4th part of a fee; he had 60 acres of land, with a messuage, 6 of meadow, several free tenants and villains, free bull and boar. In the reign of *Edward* II. *John de Benefeld* was lord; the manor was then valued at 9*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* *ob.* *per ann.* rent of assise of the free tenants, and the capons at 25*s.* and 4*d.* of the villains 7*s.* 8*d.* hens 8*s.* 2*d.* and the customary works, at 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* about the 6th of *Henry* IV. it was in the hands of *Joan*, widow of *John de Benefeld*. Afterwards it came to the *Finchams*, *Gawdy*, and so to the *Hares*, and is united as above.

NEWLAND'S MANOR.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Ralph Newland* was lord; the said *Ralph* held of the Earl *Warren* a messuage, 6 acres of land, one villain, who held 6 acres of land, free tenants, and one cottager by the 4th part of a fee. *Barthol. Newbant* was lord of it in the 20th of *Edward* III. but about the 6th of *Henry* IV. *John de Fincham* was possessed of it; from which family it came, in the reign of *Elizabeth*, to *Gawdy*, &c. and so to the *Hares*, and is united to the other lordships.

NEW-HALL, AND NELESHALL MANORS.

John, son of *John* of *Newhall*, was lord in the 7th of *Edward* II. and *John* of *Newhall*, and *Catherine* his wife, in the 3d of *Edward* III. in the 17th of *Henry* VI. *John*, son of *John de Benefeld*, and *Richard Say*, conveyed the manor of *Neleshall* to *William Isle*, &c.; but in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. *John Fincham* died possessed of them; and in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, *William Fincham* sold it to *John Heigham*; from him it came, in the 32d of that reign, to *Gawsell*, so to *Gawdy*, &c. and the *Hares*, and is united to the other lordships with that of *New-Hall* also.

FINCHAM-HALL

Was a considerable lordship, held by a family that gave name to it under the Earl *Warren*. *Nigellus de Fincham* was lord in the reign of *William* II. and gave the tithe of his demean to *Castleacre* priory. *Osbert de Fincham* lived in the time of *Henry* II. *Reiner*, eldest son of *Osbert* died *s. p.* *Robert* his brother had a son *John*, and *Richard* was son and heir of *John*, as appears by a pleading in the 43d of *Henry* III.

William de Fincham, and *Julian* his wife, occur in the 52d of *Henry* III. *Adam* was his son and heir, who married *Annabel*, daughter of *David Denys*. *Adam* was attorney-general to King *Edward* II.

[2] P'lita de jur. et assis. 43 Hen. III. Rot. 46.

Ao. 18. *Thomas de Fincham* was son of *Adam*, as by a fine, *Ao.* 22 *Edward* III. and sealed with a lion rampant, and a bend, *ermine*: *John*, and *Christian* his wife, called also son of *Adam*, were living in the 45th of that King; and in 48th, she was the wife of *Simon de la Hay*.[3] The first wife of this *John* seems to have been *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Robert de Causton*.

John Fincham, son of *John*, aliened lands in the 16th of *Richard* II. to the prior of *Ely*. *Simon Fincham*, son of *John*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *John Tendring*, Esq. of *Brockdish* in *Norfolk*. His last will is dated *Nov.* 25, 1458;[4] was buried in the church of St. *Martin's* of *Fincham*, and appoints *John* his son, and *Elizabeth*, his wife executors; he had a daughter *Alice* married to *John Batchcroft*, Esq.

John Fincham, Esq. son of *Simon*, was steward of the manors of the abbot of *Ramsey*, and took to wife *Beatrix*, daughter of *Thomas Thoresby* of *Lynn*; and dying *Setember* 6, 1496, was buried in St. *Martin's* church.

John Fincham, son and heir of *John*, died soon after his father, on *April* 30, 1499. He seems to have married two wives: in the church of St. *Martin's*, on his gravestone, were to be seen the arms of *Fincham* impaling, *argent*, a fess between three martlets in chief, and a chevron in base, *azure*, *Tey* of *Essex*; *Jane*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Tey*, was one of his wives; also *Fincham* impaling, lozengy . . . . on a chief, an eagle displayed . . . . .

John Fincham, his son and heir, married to his first wife *Alice*, daughter of *Thomas Bedingfeld* of *Oxburgh*, and to his 2d wife *Ela*, daughter of *Gregory Edgar*; he died *Oct.* 8, in the 32d of *Hen.* VIII. *Ela*, his widow's, will is dated *Jan.* 24, in the 32 of *Henry* VIII. mention is made therein of her son *Thomas Fincham*, and her daughter *Ela*, her father *Gregory Edgar*, her sister *Calibut*, her cousins *Osbert Mundeford*, and *Richard Batchecroft*;[5] *Ela* her daughter died a maid, *Feb.* 28, after her mother. In her will, dated *Feb.* 9, she desires to be buried in St. *Martin's* church; appoints her brother *Thomas* executor; Sir *John Spilman*, supervisor, mentions therein her aunts *Newton*, *Skipwith*, and *Calibut* by the father's side; her cousins *Mary* and *Catherine Calibut*, her cousins *John Shouldham*, *Sim. Fyncham*.

Thomas Fincham, son of *John* and *Ela*, married *Martha*, daughter of *William Yelverton*, Esq. of *Rougham* in *Norfolk*, afterwards married to *John Heigham*, Esq. His will is dated *March* 1, 1550, and proved 21 *Dec.* 1551;[6] mention is made therein of his son *William*, and daughter *Ann*, his brother *Henry Yelverton*, his uncle *Calibutt*, his cousins *Fincham* of *Well*, and *Fincham* of *Westwynche*; appoints his wife executrix, and her father *Yelverton*, supervisor. He died possessed of several manors here; manors, lands, and tenements in *Burnham Depedale*, *B. Norton*, *B. Westgate*, *B. Sutton*, *B. Ulpe*, *Brancaster*, *Hunworth*, *Holt* and *Edgfield*, in *Barton Bendish*, *Stoke Ferry*, *Wretton*, *Werham*, *Buckton*, *Shouldham*, *Roxham*, and *Seche*,

[3] In the 40th of Edward III. William de Fincham, Robert de Thorp, John Mowbray, and William de Wychingham, were the King's judges.

[4] Reg. Brosyard, Nor. fol. 142.

[5] Regist. Myngay, p. 241. She died the 3 of Jan. Reg. Haydon, p. 432.

[6] Regist. Corant.

in *Norfolk*. Of manors, lands, and tenements in *Brantham*, *Catywade*, *East Bergholt*, *Capell*, and *Sutton* in *Suffolk*.

William Fincham, his son and heir, succeeded, and married ——— daughter of ——— *Lovell;* and dying without issue in the 14th of *Elizabeth*, having conveyed this lordship, as is before observed, to *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. who married his sister *Ann*, and conveyed it to *Thomas Gawsell*, whence it came to *Gawdy*, &c. so to the *Hare* family; and Sir *George Hare*, Bart. was the late lord.

BURNHAM, OR BRONHAM-HALL.

Philip de Burnham held also a lordship here, under the Earl *Warren*, as I take it.[7] He and *Emma* his wife, and *William* his son and heir, gave to the monks of *Castleacre* his mill in this town, with the site thereof, *viz.* five perches of land, which he exchanged with *William*, son of *Osbert* of the said town; witnesses, *Frederick de Hakeford*, *Roger Spriggens*, *Rein. de Dunton*, *John de Watlingeton*, &c. and *Emma* in her widowhood confirmed the same grant; witnesses, *Frederick*, &c. *sans date:* afterwards it came to the *Grandcourts*.

Roger Grancourt and *Joan* his wife grant, in the 18th of *Edward* II. to *Ralph de Keteleston*, burgess of *Lynn*, &c. two parts of this manor in *Fincham* and *Stradset*;[8] also the 3d part which *William de Atehaw* and *Agnes* his wife held in dower; and in the 12th of the said King, *Ralph de Keteleston* held a court as lord; but in the 25th of *Edward* III. *John de Fincham* was lord, and kept his court, (*Keteleston's* right being conveyed to him,) and in the 29th of the said King, *William de Barsale*, *Robert Eyle*, and *John Emmesson* held a court in right of some part of the same; but soon after the whole was in the *Fincham* family, and came with their other lordships to the *Hares*.

The next capital and considerable lord at the survey was *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, who had 3 carucates of demean land, 3 villains, 15 bordarers, 7 servi, 13 acres of meadow, &c. and a right in the 4th part of a church, and 260 sheep; to this belonged a wood half a leuca long, and the manor was a quarter of a leuca broad, and a quarter long, valued at 8*l. per ann.* He had also seized on 20 freemen, who held in the Confessor's time 2 carucates of land, 2 carucates and 10 acres of meadow, valued then at 60*s.* after at 58*s.* and 4*d.*—Also 16 acres, valued at 10*d. per ann.*[9] Eight of these freemen were under protection, belonging to the lord's fold, in King *Edward's* time; the rest of these freemen held their land under protection only.

This afterwards descended (as may be seen in *Wirmegay*) to the Lords *Bardolfs*, and constituted also several lordships, as follows:

[7] Reg. Castleacre, fol. 79.

[8] Terr. Hermeri de Ferrariis.——In Phincham iii. vill. xv. bord. et vii. serv. et iii. car. in dominio, et xiii. acr. p'ti. tc. iiii. runc. m°. ix. tc. xxx. porc. m°. xxvi. tc. CCLX. oves, m°. CLXXV. quarta pars eccles. semp. val. viii *l.* huic maner. adjac. dim. l'g. silve, et i. qr. in longo, et i. qr. in lato.—Invas. Herm. &c. xx. lib. hoes. tenentes T. R. E. ii. car. tre. sed tamen viii. de illis erant consuetudinarii ad faldam antecessor. sui, alii erant lib. p't. com'datione. in terr. eor. semp. ii. car. x. ac. p'ti. tc. val. LX. sol. m°. LVIII. et iiii *d.*—In ead. vill. xvi. acr. tre. val. x *d.*

[9] Evid. Tho. Hare, Bt.

FARESWELL MANOR

Was part of the barony of *Wirmegay*, and seems to be held of it in the 20th of *Henry* III. by *Waleran de Teyes*. In the beginning of the reign of *Edward* I. *Roger de Predetyn*, son of *Peter* and *Ascelina* his wife, held it under the Lord *Bardolf* by the service of half a fee; it consisted of free tenants, 21 villains, who held 60 acres, and cottagers; 2 messuages, 2 carucates of land, 10 acres of meadow, free bull and boar. It came afterwards into the family of *Trusbut;* and *Laur. Trusbutt*, Esq. was lord in the reign of *Richard* II.—On the death of *Will.* Lord Viscount *Beaumont*, who died without issue in 1507, the barony of *Wirmegay* eschaeting to the Crown, King *Henry* VIII. on the 23d of *May*, in his 6th year, let to farm this manor, with the perquisites of court, to Sir *John Tilney*, Knt. and *John Fincham*, Esq. for 21 years, paying 8*l. per ann.* and in the 5th of *Edward* VI. it was granted to *Thomas Horsman*, who in the said year had license to alienate it to *John Aysborough*, to be held of the Crown, *in capite*, by knight's service.

In the 4th of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Richard Sackville* had license to alienate it to *Thomas* and *William Guybon* of *Lynn*;[1] *William Guybon* was lord in 1570: he married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas Drury*, Esq. of *Fincham;* and ——— *Guybon*, Esq. of *Thursford* in *Norfolk* sold it about 1720 to *Richard Warner*, Esq. of *Elmham* in *Norfolk*, who soon after conveyed it to Dr. *Rudd*, rector of *North Rungton;* and, by the marriage of his daughter, came to Dr. *Deck*, M. D.

CURPLE MANOR

Was held by *Jeffrey Curple*, and *Roger Curple*, in the reign of *Henry* III. when an aid was granted to that King, on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor, (by the service of half a fee,) of the Lord *Bardolf*. This *Roger* appears to have had 4 daughters, *Alice*, *Isabel*, *Catharine*, and *Agnes;* and *Catharine* their mother, widow of *Roger*, granted lands in *Sudbury*, in *Suffolk*, &c. to *Roger* of the Exchequer, in the 42d of *Henry* III. *John Curple*, in the 16th of *Edward* I. held it, consisting of a messuage, one carucate of land, 4 acres of meadow, a windmill, free bull and boar, with free tenants, villains and cottagers. In the 12th of *Edward* II. *Roger Curple* conveyed to *Maud*, widow of *John de Causton*, messuages, lands, and a mill. This *Roger* died lord in the 3d of *Edward* III. his sister and heir married *John Talbot*, and their daughter and heir *Alice* married *Robert de Causton:* the said *Robert* and *Alice*, in the 16th of that King, settled lands on *John de Fincham*, and *Alice* his wife in this town, probably daughter of *Robert*, on her marriage; but in the 41st of the said reign, *Nicholas Fastolf*, and *Joan* his wife, held the 3d part of this manor; and in the 15th of *Richard* II. *John de Wesenham* conveyed a 3d part, with the appertenances in *Buckton* and *Roxham*, with the fishery of *Redebeche*, which he had of *Hugh* his father, to *John de Fincham;*

[1] Sir Thomas Guybon was son of this William, from whom descend the Guybons of Thursford.

and in the following year, *Bartholomew Elys* of *Yarmouth*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed their 3d part to the aforesaid *John*, so that the whole centered in him; and *William Fincham* (as is above observed) conveyed it to his brother *Cornwallis*, and so came to *Gawsell*, *Richard Cheek*, &c. to the *Hares*, in which family it continued, and is united to the other manors.

GRANDCOURT MANOR.

Roger Grancurt was possessed of it about the beginning of King *Henry* the Third's reign, and *William de Grancurt* in the 45th of that King, who held it of *William de Calthorp*, and *Cecil* his wife, whose inheritance it is said to be, and she of the honour of *Wirmegay;* the said *William* had also then a grant of the reversion of the land which *William de Wigenhale*, and *Isabel* his wife held in dower of *Cecil's* inheritance here. *Walter de Grandcourt* held it in the 14th of *Edward* I. by the 3d part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolph;* it consisted then of a messuage, 80 acres of land, 2 of meadow, of free tenants, and 6 villains, who held 24 acres of land; but in the 20th of *Edward* III. *Thomas de Keteleston* was lord; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John de Fincham*, in which family it continued till *William Fincham*, Esq. conveyed it to *Thomas Heigham*, in the 12th of *Elizabeth;* and in the 22d of that Queen, it came to *Gawsell*, who conveyed it to *Guybon* and *Mundeford;* so to *Gawdy*, *Rich*, Sir *Thomas Cheek*, and the *Hares*.

BROTHERS-HALL.

Simon de Brothers-Hall was lord, whose daughter *Gunelda* conveyed it by fine, with lands in this town, to *John Talebot*, in the 24th of *Henry* III. *John de Causton* held it in the reign of *Edward* II. and in the 19th of *Edward* III. gave to *John de Brympton* a portion of it. On the 1st of *May*, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, *John Carsey* of *Revesby* in *Lincolnshire* sold it to *Hugh Hare*, Esq. in which family it remained, Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being late lord. I take this to have been held of the honour of *Wirmegay*, though the tenure does not appear from any evidences.

BAINARD-HALL.

A third great lord in this town was *Ralph* Lord *Bainard*, who at the survey was possessed of the manor that *Alid*, a free woman, held in the reign of the Confessor, and was deprived of, consisting of one carucate of land, 4 bordarers, 3 servi, a carucate, and 12 acres of meadow; and when *Ralph* entered on it, there were 2 runci, &c. 40 sheep, &c. valued at 50s. but at the survey at 40s.—St. *Audrey*, that is, the church of *Ely*, laid claim to it, as the hundred witnessed.—And in the said town there were 6 freemen who had a carucate of land, with 2 bordarers, and a carucate, and 9 acres of meadow, which *Ralph* had a grant of on their expulsion. He had also invaded the lands of 6 freemen, with 2 bordarers, a carucate, and 8 acres of

meadow, valued at 20*s.* but at the survey at 40*s.* his tenants claimed it, by an exchange, but had not livery of it.[2]

This *Ralph* Lord *Bainard* had from the Conqueror, for his services, a grant of many lordships in *Essex*, *Suffolk*, &c. and in *Norfolk* of these following—*Kerdeston* and *Refham* in *Einsford* hundred—*Skeyton* in *South Erpingham* hundred—*Crostwick* and *Berton* in *Tunsted* hundred—*Riston* in *Happing* hundred—*Hemenhale*, *Boyland*, *Hatestun*, *Fritton* and *Hardwick* in *Depewade* hundred—*Raveningham*, *Southwood*, *Kirkeby*, *Norton*, *Jerpestuna*, *Hales*, *Whetacre*, *Hadesco* and *Thurton* in *Claveling* hundred—*Fincham*, *Barton*, *Shouldham*, *Garboisthorp*, *Tottenhale*, *Wiggenham*, *Boughton*, *Stoke*, *Fordham*, *Derham* and *Bekeswell*, in *Clacklose* hundred—*Sturston* in *Grimshoe* hundred—*Bradenham* in *South Grenhoe* hundred—*Merton* in *Weyland* hundred—*Wilby* in *Shropham* hundred—*Titleshale*, *Wellingham* and *Scarning* in *Launditch* hundred—*Wicklewood* and *Dikethorp* in *Fourhow* hundred—*Chatgrave* and *Carlton* in *Lothing* hundred.

This lord by *Juga* his wife had *Geffrey*, his son and heir, who lived in 1106: unto him succeeded *William Bainard*, who taking part with *Elias* Earl of *Mayne* in *France*, against *Henry* I. lost his barony of *Bainard's* castle in *London*, which was given by that King to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert* (progenitor of the Earls of *Clare*:) from this *Robert* the noble family of the Lords *Fitz-Walters* descend, who held this lordship *in capite*.

In the 44th of *Henry* III. *William de Ireland* conveyed to *Robert de Cantilupe*, and *Ivetta* his wife, a messuage, with a carucate of land, and 4*s.* *per ann.* with the land which *Alice*, wife of *John de Risley*, held in dower.[3] After this, *John de Cantilupe* his son held it of the Lord *Fitzwalter*, by the service of half a fee; it consisted of a messuage, a carucate and an half of land, 2 acres of meadow, free tenants, and 9 villains held 40 acres of land, and a free bull and boar.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. there was a suit commenced between *Robert* Lord *Fitzwalter*, *Richard* Bishop of *London*, and *William de Boyton*, about the right of the wardship of *Isabella*, daughter and heir of the aforesaid *John*, and *Matilda* his wife, who being then the widow of *John*, had the care of her daughter consigned to her till it was determined; but in the 33d of that King, it was settled by *Robert* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, on *Adam de Waldingfeld* for life.[4] In the 2d of *Edward* III. it was found to be worth 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and in the 27th of the said King, *John* Lord *Fitzwalter* claimed a right of felons goods here.

In the reign of *Henry* VI. it came into the *Ratcliffe* family, by the marriage of *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Walter* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, to *John Ratcliffe*, Esq. and in the 21st of *Henry* VII. was settled by *Margaret*, widow of *John* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and *Robert* her son, on trustees. After this, it came to the *Finchams;* and *John Fincham*,

[2] Terr. Radulfii Bainardi.—In Phincham ten. Ailed lib. fœm. i. car. tre. T. R. E. semp. iiii. bor. tc. iii. s. semp. i. car. xii. acr. p'ti. quando recepit ii. r. m°. i. tc. viii. por. tc. XL. ov. m°. xviii. tc. val. L. sol. p'. LX. m°. XL. hanc tra. calumpniat. Sca. Adeldre. et hundr. testat'—In ead. villâ vi. lib. hoes. T.R.E. m°. vii. qi. ten. i. car. tre. semp. ii. bor. et i. car. ix. ac. p'ti.——Invasion. Rad. Baignardi.—In Phincham invasit i. car. tre. q. tenuer. vi. lib. hoes. T. R. E. m°. vii. et viii. acr. p'ti. tc. val. XX. sol. m°. XL. sol. hanc tra. reclam. sui hoes. p. escang. sed non hab. liberat.

[3] Fin. 44 Hen. III. L. 8, N. 10.

[4] P'lita. Term. Pasch. 16 Edw. I. Fin. 33 Ed. I. L. 7. N. 30.

Esq. died seized of it, in the 32d of *Henry* VIII. In this family it continued till *William Fincham* conveyed, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, to his brother *Cornwallis*, and so came to *Gawsell*, *Gawdy*, *Rich*, *Cheek*, and *Hare*; Sir *George Hare* being the late lord.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, held also a manor here at the survey; 16 acres of land, and one of meadow, held by a freeman in King *Edward's* reign, valued at 2*s. per ann.* *Wihenoc* seized on this, and held it under *Ivo*; and *Herluin*, a dependant of *Ivo*, seized on 15 acres, which a freeman held, valued at 16*d.* and *Mainard* seized on one acre and an half, valued at 9*d.*[5]

This came afterwards to the Earls of *Clare*, and was given partly to *Shouldham* abbey by *Jeff. Fitz-Piers* the founder. In the 20th of *Edward* I. the prior of that house held it; and *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Clare* gave 10*s. per ann.* rent here to the convent of *Stoke*, by *Clare* in *Suffolk*.—The prior of *Shouldham* paid 20*d.* for his temporalities in 1426.

The church of *Ely* had at the survey 16 acres of land, held by 3 bordarers, and a carucate and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.*[6] In the reign of King *Edward* I. *John Talebot* was found to hold one messuage, 20 acres of land, a windmill, free bull and boar, of *Simon de Lylde*, and *Sim.* of the Bishop of *Ely*, by the service of 10*s. per ann.* He also held a messuage of the prior of *Castleacre*, and the prior of the Earl *Warren*, paying 2*s. per ann.* In the 16th of *Richard* II. *John Fincham*, and others gave lands here, and in *Werham*, &c. to the prior of *Ely*.

The abbot of *Bury* held 16 acres of land, and 4 of meadow, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.*[7] This was held by one socman afterwards, as appears from the Register *Pinchbeck* of that abbey, p. 180.

The tenths were 14*l.*—Deducted 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The lete of this town was in the abbot of *Ramsey*; and on the dissolution of that house, was given to the *Hares*.—Lete-fee, 3*s.*

The temporalities of *Derham* abbey, with the priory of *Winwaloy* here, were valued at 15*s.* in 1428;—the temporalities of the priory of *Wirmegay* 11*d.*—the temporalities of the sacrist of *Bury* at 8*s.*—of the prior of *Castleacre* at 12*s.* and 1*d.*—the abbot of *Ramsey* for the lete, &c. 20*s.*—the prioress of *Carhow*, 5*s.* and the temporalities of *Shouldham* at 20*d.*

FINCHAM ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH. This is a large, regular, well-built church of flint, boulder, &c. consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, and a chancel at the east end of the nave, all covered with lead: at the west end of the nave is a very lofty, four-square tower of the same materials, with quoins and embattlements of free-stone, neatly worked; on the buttresses, and also on the battlements, may be seen the arms of *Fincham*, the founders or benefactors of this pile.

[5] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis.——In Phincham ten. lib. ho. T. R. E. xvi. acr. tre. et i. acr. p'ti. semp. ii. vill. et val. ii. *s.* hanc tra. invasit Wihenoc.—Invas. Herluinus ho. Ivonis invasit in Phincha. i. lib. hom. de xv. ac. et val. xvi *d.* et i. acr. et dim. Mainard. invasit et val. ix *d.*

[6] Terr. Sc. Adeldred. in Phincham ten. S. A. T. R. E. xvi. acr. tre. semp. iii. bor. et i. car. x. acr. p'ti. val. x *s.*

[7] Terr. Abb. de S'co. Edm°. In Phincham xvi. acr. tre. et iiii. acr. p'ti. et val. ii. sol. et viii *d.*

In this tower hang 4 bells; on the least is this inscription; *Sancta Maria Ora pro Nobis*; and on the tenor, *Viventis Misere Pater Omnipotens Miserere.* This bell was used on the death of any person, and was called the *soul peal,* or *passing bell.* The nave of this church, from the west door to the screen, is about 83 feet in length, and the breadth, including the north and south isles, is about 43 feet; the roof is of good oak, supported by principals, on the heads whereof are angels, and monks in their cowles and habits, but with heads like dæmons and furies. The vault of this nave is supported by 10 arches, 5 on each side, with a like number of windows over them. At the west end of the nave stands a large stone font, with a four-square bason about a yard square. On the south side, or square are the figures of three men, under three arches of stone, in a very rude and antique dress. (*Plate I. Fig.* 4.) On the west side, something resembling a crib or manger, and a child therein; over that two heads, (like oxen,) but broke; also above them something like a star, to set forth the birth of our Saviour, and the wise men with their offerings. (*Plate I. Fig.* 5.) On this square are also two figures, one much broken, the other like an ancient *Druid,* probably to represent *John* the *Baptist.* On the north side is the figure of a Bishop in his robes, and with a mitre, and crosier staff, and is likely to represent St. *Augustine,* the apostle of the *English:* the 2d figure is like that of a priest in a pulpit or desk, and the 3d figure is obscure.—On the east side is *Adam* and *Eve,* and another figure not to be seen, the font here joining to a pillar. This Gothic font, with it rude arches, figures, &c. in basso relievo, is undoubtedly a piece of great antiquity. That the ancients used thus to adorn their fonts, may be seen from that curious one erected by *Constantine* the Emperor.[1]—On the pavement, at the east end of the nave, lie several old marble gravestones, now deprived of their brass ornaments and inscriptions. On one is the portraiture of a woman in her shroud, with her hands across; but the legend is reaved. On another is the effigies of a woman in her shroud remaining: by the incision of the stone, it appears that here was also the portraiture of a man in his shroud between his two wives; part of the other woman is preserved in the chest. Here were also several shields, and a plate of brass, but they are all reaved. This, probably, was in memory of *John Fincham,* who died in the 23d of *Henry* VIII. and of his two wives. A modern author asserts,[2] that in the parish church here, were divers monuments for several of the family of *Fincham,* but all ancient, *viz.* the 14th century. Whereas what I have already observed is all the monumental remains of this family now in the church, and the brasses have been reaved time immemorial. Weaver, who took things upon trust, or else was negligent in his own survey, accounts only for three inscriptions on the many gravestones of this church.

Orate pro anima Joh. filii. et hæredis Johs. Fincham, filii Symoniso Fincham, qui obiit ultimo die April. M.CCCC.LXXXXIX.——*Orate pro anima Elizabethæ quondam uxoris Symonis Fincham, armigeri, et unius filiarum et hæredum Johs Tendring de Brockedyn,*[1] *in comitatu Suffolc. armig. quæ quidem Elizabetha, obt.* - - - - - - M.CCCC.LXIIII.

[1] Durantus de Ritibus Eccles. p. 126. Magna Britan. &c. Norf. p. 348.

[1] Brockdish in Norfolk.

—*Orat. pro anima Johs. Fincham, filii et hæredis Symonis Fincham de Fincham, armig. qui obt.* VI *die Septemb. Anno Dni.* M.CCCC.LXXXXVI.[2]

On the pulpit:—*Gregory Watson, servant to the right worshipful Sir Francis Gawdy Kt. made this at his own charge, Anno Dom.* 1604. At the east end of the south isle is an ascent as to an altar, and in the east window is the effigies of some abbess or saint, probably St. *Audrey*, with her crosier staff, and crowned. The east end of the north isle has a like ascent, where there has been also an altar; and in the east window is the effigies of *Mary* sirnamed *Salome*, the wife of *Zebadee*, with her two little children by her side, St. *John* and St. *James*; *John* in a blue gown, bearing in his hand a cup, with a dragon issuing out of it; and *James* in a green gown, and an escollop shell in his hand. In the window are these arms (*Plate I. Fig.* 6, 7.) *Azure*, an eagle displayed, *or*, beaked and membered, *gules*, *Shouldham*. *Barry* of six, *argent* and *sable*, a bend over all, *ermine*.—*Fincham*, *azure*, a fess between two chevron, *argent*, *Tendring*. *Gyrony* of eight *azure* and *ermine*, *Trussbutt*; and in the same window the arms of St. *George*, *argent*, a cross *gules*. The chancel is divided from the nave by a screen, (over which the Commandments and the King's arms are handsomely painted,) and is in length about 31 feet, and in breadth about 19. On the pavement near the lowest south window, lies a gravestone, to which was fixed a brass plate, which is now preserved in the church chest, but is much broken.

EPITAPHIUM GENEROSISSIMI HEROIS
THOMÆ TOWNSENDI.[3]

Elizabetha suo tumulum charissima conjux
Townsendo, insigni condit amore, viro.
Hunc terra indignum patriæ cœlestis ad oras
Flor . . . juventutis mors properata, tulit.
Si tu bis denos annos adjunxeris octo,
Townsendi ætatis tempora certa scies.
Hic jacet . . . . . et tristi claudat mors sæva sepulchro
Membra, sedes superas mens tamen alta petit.
Ærumnas æquâ virtutis lance libravit
Si quid pecca . . . . . ultio virtus erat.
Injurias omnes absorbuit atq; retudit,
Duro serenus tempore vultus erat.
Heu fata dura nimis quæ te fecere sepultum
Pulvere, quem domini gloria celsa beat.
Conjuge, prole, domo, felix, et funere felix,
Multum flenda bonis, stirps generosa, vale.
Obiit xii. *Januar. Anno Dom.* 1570.

The south side of the chancel is embattled and coped with free-stone, as is the wall of the south isle of the church, and adorned with pinnacles: and on the north side of the chancel is a vestry covered with lead, on the wall a niche for a statue; and here seems to have been a place for an anchoret.

[2] Weaver's Funeral Mon. in Norfolk.

[3] Here was a family of this name in the 13th of Edward II. when Richard Atte-Tunneshende of Fincham conveyed lands, &c. with the homages and services of divers men, to Adam de Fincham.—Fin. 13th Edw. II. L. 5. N. 25.

Here were anciently in this church, besides the arms above-observed, these following;—*argent*, a chevron *gules*, between three sqirrels, sejant, *gules*, *Lovell*. *Or*, a chief indented *sable*, *Harsick*; quarterly, *sable*, and *argent*, over all, a bend, *gules*, *Birston*; quarterly, *sable* and *argent*, Lord *Hoo*; *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, a baston in bend, *sable*, *Braunch*; the arms of the Lord *Bardolph*; *Fincham*, impaling quarterly, a fess *gules*, between three eagles displayed *sable*, *Elmham*; barry wavy of six argent and *azure*.[3]

In the south isle, *Fincham* impaling, azure on five fusils in fess, *or*, as many escollops, *gules*, *Edgar*.

Thomas de Grancourt grants by deed, *sans* date, to *Roger de Grancourt* his brother, the advowson of this church; and *Roger* son of *William de Grauntcourt*, remitted and quitclaimed to his lord, *Hugh Bardolph*, all his right in the said advowson, on the 11th of *May*, in the 32d of *Edward* I,

RECTORS.

Edmund Bardolf occurs rector in the 22d of *Edward* I. *Pryn's Hist. of King John.*

1304, *John de Warton*, subdeacon, presented by Sir *Hugh Bardolf* Lord *Bardolph*.

1310, *William de Rotyngdene*, by the Lady *Isabella Bardolf*.

1314, *Simon de Ayscheles*, by the Lady *Isabella*, &c.

1331, *Thomas de Pulteneye*, by the Lady *Agnes*, relict of Sir *Thomas Bardolf*.

1333, *Richard le Dyer* of *Kiderminster*, (on the resignation of *Pulteney*,) by the Lady *Agnes*, &c. he was prebendary of *Tixhill*, in the church of *Litchfield*, and exchanged with *Pulteneye*.

1345, *Richard le Dyer* of *Kiderminster*, presented by the prior and convent of *Shuldham* in *Norfolk*. About this time, *John* Lord *Bardolf* granted to the prior of *Shuldham* the advowson of this church; and in the said year there was a patent from the King to appropriate this church.

1350, *John de Boys*, presented by the prior, &c. on the 10th of *October*, this year, this church was appropriated, by *William Bateman* Bishop of *Norwich*, to the monastery of *Shouldham*, and a vicarage was settled; the vicar was to have a convenient dwelling, 10*l*. *per ann.* the Bishop of *Norwich* to nominate, and to have a pension of 24*s*. *per ann.* and the prior was to present the vicar: the vicar was taxed at 7 marks and an half *per ann.* and the prior and convent for their tenths 29*s*. and 4*d*. *per ann.* the spiritualities of the said house for this church being taxed at 22 marks.—In 1354, *Oct.* 10, *William* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated the altarage, the tithes of hay, wool, milk, flax, and hemp, chickens, colts, lambs, pigs, eggs, pigeons, geese, ducks, honey, wax, apples, pears, plants, fruit, wood, mills, turf, mortuaries, and all the glebe belonging to the church, and 100*s*. *per ann.* to the vicar.

1351, *Rob. Costard*, presented by the prior and convent of *Shouldham*: it is highly probable that the house of *Shouldham*, after this

[3] MSS. Anstis, E 26. p. 24

appropriation, prevailed, by some means or other, with the last rector to resign, a practice then very common.

1361, *Tho. de Stedmere*, presented by the prior, &c.

1400, *Nich. Essex*, presented by the prior, &c. rector afterwards of *Stockton* in *Norfolk*: and in *Dec.* 1402, chantry priest in St. *Radegund's* chapel in St. *Paul's, London.*

1402, *Matt. Aylmer*, (on the resignation of *Essex*): he was rector of *Stockton*, and exchanged with *Essex*; presented by the prior, &c.

1402, *Richard Person*, presented by the prior, &c.

1404, *Robert Folsham*, on the resignation of *Person*; he was rector of a mediety of the church of *Brome* in *Norwich* diocese, and exchanged with *Person*; presented by the prior, &c.

1409, *John Clerk*, presented by the prior, &c. on the resignation of *Folsham*: he held the church of *Woodnorton All-Saints* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Folsham.*

1424, *Nich. Thurston de Fyncham*, presented by the prior, &c. and nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich.*

1455, *Tho. Palmer*, presented by the prior, &c. he occurs vicar in 1479.

1493, *Henry Kyrkeby*, presented by *Tho.* prior, &c.

Laurence Cootes.

1504, *John Wenham*, on the resignation of *Cootes*, presented by the prior, &c.

1506, *Robert Davy*, on the resignation of *Wenham*, presented by the prior, &c.

1534, *Richard Sparhawke*, on the death of *Davy*, presented by the prior, &c.

Thomas Freke occurs in 1545, and in or about 1562, *Presbyter non conjugatus, satis doctus, residet, hospitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo*,[5] and rector of St. *Michael's, Fincham.*

1586, *Anth. Fletcher*, presented by the Queen; on the dissolution of the house of *Shouldham*, the patronage came to the Crown.

1587, *Roger Gunson*, presented by the Queen.

Roger Gunson. In his answer to King *Jame's* queries in 1633, he says there were 176 communicants here; rector also of *Denver.*

1615, *William Parker*, A. M. by the King.

Francis Power.

1161, *Daniel Gardiner*, A. M. on the death of *Power*, by the King; in the Consignation book, 1664, it appears he was admitted to this church on the the 4th of *August*, 1653, at *Whitehall*, by the commissioners, *Power* being then dead or ejected.[6]

1682, *Daniel Baker*, A. M. on the death of *Gardiner*, by the King.

1723, *Joseph Forby*, L. L. B. on the death of *Baker.*

1745, *William Harvey*, A. M. on the death of *Forby.* This vicarage is taxed in the King's books at 10*l.* and is discharged of tenths and first-fruits, being in real value 33*l. per ann.*

This rectory of St. *Martin's* was valued, with the portion of *Carhow*, at 22 marks:—*Peter*-pence 16*d.* and had a manse, with 30 acres of land, and a fold of 200 sheep, in *Edward* the First's reign.

On the dissolution of the monastery of *Shouldham*, this church came to the Crown, and Queen *Elizabeth*, by her letters patent, dated the

[5] Parkeri Certificat. [6] Lib. Consignat. Norwic. 1664.

17th of *Feb.* in the 16th of her reign, demised to *Thomas Drury* this rectory, with the appertenances, and all the houses, &c. except the advowson of the vicarage (which remains in the Crown) for 21 years, paying 8*l. per ann.* which letters patent being surrendered and cancelled, the Queen, for 16*l.* fine, demiseth to *William Gybon*, Gent. and *Ann* and *Frances* his daughters, the said rectory for their lives successively, paying 8*l. per ann.* and the best beast for an heriot: dated 22d *June*, 27th of *Elizabeth*, p. 17.

Simon Fincham, by his will, dated 23 *Nov.* 1458, desires to be buried in this church, and bequeaths to the bell tower fabrick 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* by which it appears the tower was built at that time.

John Geyton, clerk, of *Fincham* St. *Martin's*, by his will dated 12th *Jan.* 1476, desires to be buried in the chancel before the image of St. *Martin;* and leaves money to *Nich. Fincham* to sing for his soul one whole year.[7]

Ela Fyncham, daughter of *John Fyncham*, by her will, dated 9th *Feb.* and proved 8th of *March*, 1540, desires to be buried in this church.[8]

John Bexwell of *Fincham*, Gent. by his will, dated 22d of *May*, 1546, and proved 5th *Aug.* following, desires to be buried in this church.[9]

Fincham St. Michael. This church is built of flint and boulder, and consists only of a nave, or body, with a chancel covered with lead. At the west end of the nave stands a large square tower embattelled with quoins and copings of free-stone, and a pinnacle at each corner; and herein hang three bells. The length of the nave, from the west door to the chancel, is about 60 feet, and in breadth about 27. The roof is supported by oaken principals; on the head of which have been the effigies of religious persons in their habits; but their heads are broken off. In the upper window of this nave, on the south side, were these arms (*Plate I. Fig.* 8, 9,) *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, *Bokenham* of *Norfolk;* quarterly, *azure* three cinquefoils, *or*, in the 1st and 4th, *Bardolph;* and barry of six, *or* and *vert*, a bend over all *gules*, *Poinings*. The chancel is in length about 33 feet, and in breadth about 18; the upper part of the wall on the north side is of brick embattled, and coped with free-stone; also a little free-stone porch or passage into the chancel; in the centre of the arch there seem to be cinquefoils cut, the arms of the Lords *Bardolfs*.

On the pavement here is a gravestone thus inscribed:

Here lieth the bodies of Robert and Sarah (aged the one 8, *and the other* 7 *years) the son and daughter of Arthur King, of Tilney, Gent. and Sarah his wife, who were buried, Robert on the* 2d, *and Sarah on the* 15*th of Oct.* 1683.

Hail happy souls, who like their angels were
Young, active, chaste, and free from vice,
And now are called by God's indulgent care,
To dwell with them in paradise.
God grant we by repentance may obtain,
What you by innocence did earlier gain.

[7] Reg. Gelour.
[8] Reg. Godsalve, p. 43.
[9] Reg. Hill, p. 48.

On the communion table: *William Hubbard died* 1623, *and gave this table.* In the east window are the arms of *Derham* abbey.—Against the north wall is a little decent copartment of stone, and in the centre, on a black marble,

Sub felices resurrectionis spe Christi præstolans epiphaniam, hic juxta situs est Reverendus Vir Daniel Baker, A.M. hujus ecclesiæ per XL *annos, rector orthodoxæ Christi ecclesiæ, dictis, scriptis, precibus exemplar et incomparabile propugnaculum; Divini Jobæ patientiæ quam poesi depinxit, verus vitâ imitator. Idem ex indefessa operâ in studiis, assiduâ pietate in Deum, rara amœnitate in suos, spectata probitate in omnes, æternam admirandus. Annorum satur ad cœlos migravit, Feb.* 19°. *An. salut.* M.DCCXXII. *Ætat.* 69.—*Maria uxor mœstissima hoc in perpetuum conjugatis amoris memoriam erexit.*

Against the said wall, east from this, is an inarched monument of stone: in this arch is a raised tomb about 2 feet from the ground; on each side of this arch, on the summit, is a niche carved for some statue; there is no inscription or arms about it, and probably it was the *Sepulchram Domini*, or the sepulchre of our Lord. Opposite to this, on the south side of the chancel, are three stone seats or stalls, raised within the wall, having 3 arches, one over each seat; which seats are about 2 feet in depth, and above 3 in height; on the summit of each arch rises a pyramid of stone, carved, and pointing to the cornish, which juts out from the wall about 3 inches. Such seats and stalls are still to be seen in many old churches, and were for the bishop, priest, and deacon, or the rector, curate, or chantry priests. The stalls here differ from others in this; that of the bishop or rector is about two inches higher than that of the priest; and the stall of the priest is the same, in respect of the deacon. Over the stall of the bishop are these two shields; quarterly, *France* and *England*; (*Plate I. Fig.* 10.) and quarterly, (*Plate I. Fig.* 11.) *argent* in the 1st and 4th; in the 2d and 3d, *gules*, a frett, *or*; over all, a bend, *sable*; in a bordure of the last, eight mitres of the 2d. *Spencer's* arms, Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of *Edward* III. and *Richard* II. when I conceive this church was built. Over the arch of the 2d stall, (*Plate I. Fig.* 12,) quarterly, checq. *or*, and *azure*, in the 1st and 4th quarter, Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*: in the 2d and 3d, *gules*, a lion rampant, *or*, *Fitz-Alan* Earl of *Arundel*. *Azure*, (*Plate I. Fig.* 13.) three cinquefoils, *or*, Lord *Bardolf*. Over the arch of the lowest seat, (*Plate I. Fig.* 14.) *or*, a fess between two chevronels, *gules*, Lord *Fitz-Walter*. *Gules*, 3, 2, and 1 escallops, *argent*, Lord *Scales*. These arms were all washed over with whiting, but no doubt were formerly painted in their proper colours. The lords above-mentioned held lands *in capite* in this town, as has been shown, except the Lord *Scales*, and he had a lordship in the adjoining town of *Barton*, which extended here.

Besides the arms above observed, here were anciently in the windows, the arms of *Birston*, as in St. *Martin's*, *Fincham*.[1] *Azure*, a oend, *argent*. *Trusbut*, as in St. *Martin's*, *Fincham*, and *Bardolf*. *Tendring* and *Braunch*, as in St. *Martin's* church. *Argent*, six dexter hands, 3, 2, and 1. *Wauncey* and *Talbot*. *Sable* (rather *azure*) a cross compony *argent* and *gules*, borne by *Cockfield* and *Felbrigg*.

[1] MSS. penes J. Anstis, Garter, E. 26. fol. 146.

Simon Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the prior of *Castleacre* two parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Nigell*, and *William de Spinevill*, *Sampson Talbot*, *Richard de Meyners*, *Richard de Calcomb*, and *John de Littlewell*, in 1261; these demeans contained 860 acres of land, and more: two parts of these tithes the prior let to *Thomas Buxkyn*, rector, and his successour, for 7 marks *per ann.* in the year 1361.

In the 33d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *John*, prior of *Castleacre*, *Peter*, and *Adam Talbot*, tenant of the advowson of this church, granted to the prior.[2] By this it seems that the advowson of this church belonged to the Earl *Warren's* fee, and was held by the *Talbots*; but before this, it appears from the register of *Castleacre*, that *John* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to that priory this church, of the gift of *William Talbot*, patron; and that the monks should receive a mark of silver *per ann.* of the parson of the said church; and *Sampson Talbot* confirmed the donation of his uncle *William*. It was valued at 16 marks: *Peter*-pence, 14*d*.

RECTORS.

John de Pagrave occurs rector, and resigned to *Derham*, who was instituted in the 9th year of Bishop *Walter Suffield*.

Jeffrey de Derham, rector:[3] in the 37th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between him and *Roger Talebot* of half an acre of land here, granted to *Roger*, who thereupon gave to the said *Jeffrey* a messuage, garden, and curtilage, to be held by him, and his successours, late *Hugh's*, father of *Roger*, at the yearly rent of 5*d*.;[4] he occurs also in the 43d of the said King.

Reginald de Cressenhale was rector of *Fincham* in 1293: he was dean of *South Malling* in *Kent*,[4] and rector of *Upmonyngham* in the said county, and died in the aforesaid year. In the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury for the hundred find, that the prior of *Shouldham* held 9 acres here, of the gift of *Philip Newland*, and *Richard de Ennebys*, in the reign of King *Henry* III. and the abbot of *Derham* 12 acres, of the gift of *Sampson de Littlewell*, held of the Earl *Warren*.

1311, *Adam de Saxham*, presented by *Walter* the prior, and the convent of *Castleacre*.

1313, *Jeffrey Brian*, presented by the prior, &c.

1317, Mr. *Steven de Kettleburgh*, by the prior, &c.

1320, *Edmund Gulafre*; he was provost of the church of *Castle-Culby*, in the diocese of *Bangor*, and exchanged with *Kettleburgh*; presented by the prior, &c.

1330, *William de Monte Acuto*, (*Montague*,) by the prior, &c.

1335, *John de Faloniis*, on the resignation of *Montague*, by the prior, &c.

Richard Markaunt.

1349, *William Roche*, by the prior, &c.

William de Happeton.

1352, *Thomas Atte-Lathe*, on the resignation of *Happeton*, by the prior, &c. rector also of *Rungton Holm*.

1356, *Thomas Buxkin*, on the resignation of *Atte-Lathe*, by the

[2] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 110.

[3] Jeff. de Derham, instituted by Walter Suffield, bishop, about 1254.

[4] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 112.—Willis Hist. Abb. vol. ii. p. 238.

prior, &c. He was rector of *Stokesby* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Atte-Lathe*.

1393, *John Sekirsteyn*, by the prior, &c.

1409, *Edmund Pevys* of *Wygenhale*, by the prior, &c.

1409, *Jeffery Schavere* of *Thuxton;* he was vicar of *Wygenhall* St. *Mary*, and exchanged with *Pevys*, by the prior, &c.

1412, *John Wyrmegeye* of *Newton;* he was rector of *Ickworth*, and exchanged with *Schavere*, by the prior, &c. On the 18th of *October*, 1413, after a long trial, he was obliged to pay 4 marks *per ann.* to the prior of *Shouldham.*[5]

1420, *William Attemylle, vel Attewood;* he was rector of *Mundford*, and exchanged with *Wyrmegey*, by the prior, &c.

1431, *Thomas Marchal* (on the resignation of *Attemille;*) he was rector of *Sothrey* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Attemille;* by the prior, &c.; rector also of *Bexwell.*

1434, *Richard Domysday*, by the prior, &c.; rector also of *Caldecote* in *Norfolk.*

1436, *John Walpole*, by the prior, &c.

Robert Lety.

1454, *William Wright*, on the death of *Lety*, by the prior, &c.

1460, *William Ray*, on the resignation of *Wright*, by the prior, &c.

1477, *John Shawe*, on the death of *Ray*, by the prior, &c.

1485, *Nicholas Barker, in Decretis Baccalaur.* on the resignation of *Shawe*, by the prior, &c.

William Langland, on the death of *Barker*, by the prior, &c.

1493, *Henry Sharpe*, on the death of *Langland*, by the prior, &c.

1502, *John Edmond*, on the resignation of *Sharpe*, and paying to him a pension of 4*l. per ann.* This church was at this time valued at 16 marks; presented by the prior, &c. *Edmond* was prior of *Shouldham.*

1504, *Christopher Wynde*, on the death of *Edmonds*, by the prior. By his will dated 21 *April*, and proved 28 *July*, 1525, he desires to be buried in the chancel of his church, and bequeaths money to the making the *ruffe* of the said chancel.

1525, *James Coole*, on the death of *Wynde*, by the prior, &c.

1530, *Thomas Colman*, on the resignation of *Coole*, by the prior, &c.

1539, *John Alowe*, presented by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.* The advowson of this church coming to the Crown, on the dissolution of *Shouldham* abbey, was given by King *Henry* VIII. to that Duke, on the 22d of *December*, in the 29th year of his reign, a fine of the advowson of the said church being levied between the said King, and *Thomas*, prior of St. *Mary's, Castleacre*, in the 29th of that King's reign.

1545, *Thomas Freke*, on the resignation of *Alowe*, by the Duke of *Norfolk:* see in St. *Martin's, Fincham.*

1587, *Robert Gunson*, presented by the Queen.

1587, *Roger Gunson*, by *Robert Gunson*, and *John Edgeley*, patrons, *hâc vice*; and in 1588, *Oct.* 15, he was reinstituted on the presentation of *Fran. Gawdy*, Esq. In 1603, he certified the King that there were 77 communicants in this parish

1617, *John Collin*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, presented by the Lord *Rich.*

[5] For certain tithes due to the church of St. Martin, belonging to the priory.

Francis Power.

1661, *Daniel Gardiner,* on the death of *Power:* see in St. *Martin's, Fincham.*

1682, *Daniel Baker,* A. M. on the death of *Gardiner,* by Sir *Thomas Hare,* Bart.

1723, *Joseph Forby,* on the death of *Baker,* by *Thomas Forby,* Gent.

1745, *William Harvey,* on the death of *Forby,* by *Martha Forby,* widow.

This rectory is valued in the King's books at 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* but being in clear value 45*l. per ann.* is discharged of tenths and first-fruits.

The portion of the prior, &c. of *Castleacre* out of this church, was 5 marks *per ann.*

John Talebot, senior of *Fincham,* by deed, acknowledged to have had of *Adam,* prior of *Castleacre,* &c. a windmill here, to be held at 4*d. per ann.*[6] Witnesses, Mr. *John de Pagrave, Reg. de Geyton, William de Aula,* &c.; also a messuage here, called *Skevingestoft,* and 4 acres of land, of the fee of Sir *Samp. Talebot,* part lying between the land of *Roger Curpel,* and *Ralph de Meyners,* &c. also an acre of land of the fee of *Philip de Burnham,* at the rent of 2*s. per ann.*——This church was a few years past, pulled down, and the two parishes consolidated.

This town gives name to a deanery, called from it the Deanery of *Fincham,* which includes the whole hundred and half of *Clackclose.*

DEANS OF FINCHAM.

Galfridus, dean of *Fincham,* witness to a deed *sans* date.[7]

Hugh, dean about the reign of King *John,* as appears by a deed *sans* date.

Hugh de Swaffham; and he occurs (as I take it) rector of *Barton* St. *Mary* in 1308.

1326, *Edmund de Welle,* on the resignation of *Hugh de Swaffham,* collated by the Bishop of *Norwich.*

1347, *Richard de Norwich,* collated, &c.

1349, *Matt. de Asheton,* collated, &c.

1349, *Roger de Stalham,* collated by *ditto.*

1350, *Gilbert de Asheton,* collated, &c.

1377, *William de Oxburgh,* collated, &c.

1383, *Robert Takel,* collated by *ditto.* He was canon of the free chapel of St. *Mary's* in *Stafford,* and prebendary of the prebend of *Whitegrene,* in the said chapel, in the diocese of *Litchfield* and *Coventry,* and exchanged with *Oxburgh.*

1389, *John de Mundeford,* collated, &c.

1393, *Hugh Bridham,*[8] collated, &c.

1429, *Thomas Asplyon,* on the death of *Bridham,* collated, &c.

1497, *William Porteland,* A. M. collated, &c.

[6] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 79.

[7] Dudg. Mon. Ang. vol. iii. p. 637.

[8] This dean sealed with a bird or finch, on a tree or bough, in allusion likely to his name and deanery, and on the summit of the shield a mullet;—the legend, *Sigillum Decanatus de Fyncham,* as appears from the probate of the will of Thomas Westhow of Boketon, 16th of December, 1413.

1501, *John Aberfield*, collated, &c. He was rector of *Great Cressingham*.

1518, *Thomas Bilney*, on the death of *Aberfield*, collated, &c.

FOSTON.

THERE are now only 2 or 3 cottages, or houses, standing of this village, on the *London* road to *Lynn*, called *Foston-Gap*: in *Domesday Book*, it is wrote *Fodeston* and *Fodesthorp*. The chief lordship was in the church of *Ely*.

At the survey, there belonged to it a carucate of land, and 3 villains, with 2 bordarers, one carucate in demean, and half a one amongst the tenants, with 2 acres of meadow; 80 sheep, &c. valued at 20*s*. It was 4 furlongs long, 3 broad, and paid 4*d*. gelt. *Ulchetel*, the man (or vassal) of *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, lord of *Wirmegay*, a town adjoining, claimed it, as free to be seized on, not being church lands, and was ready to prove it by battle, ordeal, or any other legal manner; and there was another ready to prove, in the same manner, that it belonged to the church on the day that King *Edward* died; the whole hundred also witnessed, that it belonged to the church of *Ely* in King *Edward's* time.[9]

From this outrageous claim, we may perceive with what violence and oppression the Conqueror and his adherents behaved on the conquest, being not contented with the lands of the laity, that they seized on, but made such notorious false claims on the lands of the religious, so that they were by no means secure in their possessions.

However, the church maintained her right. In the 9th of *Edward* II. the prior of *Ely* was lord, and so continued till the dissolution, and was granted afterwards to the dean and chapter of *Ely*, where it continues, and was held of them by the late Sir *George Hare*, Bart.

Rainold, son of *Ivo*, had half a carucate of land, and a bordarer, with half a carucate, valued at 10*s*. and *Ralph* held it of him, and *Wihenoc* had invaded it.[1] This came afterwards to the Earls of *Clare*; *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex* held it of them; and, on his founding the priory of *Shouldham*, gave it to that house, in the reign of King *John*; and the prior had a charter for free warren here, in the 33d of *Henry* III. At the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and King *Edward* VI. gave it with lands in *Totenhill*, &c. on *May* 6, *Ao.*

[9] Tre. S'ce. Adeldrede.—In Fodeston i. car. tre. et iii. vill. et ii. bor. semp. i. car. in dnio. et dim. car. hom. et ii. ac. p'ti. et LXXX. ov. viii. por. val. xx. sol. ht. iiii. qr. in longo et iii. in lat. et iiii *d*. de g. hanc tra. calu'pniatr. esse liberam Ulchetel ho. Hermeri qo. cq; m°. sudicetr. et bello, et judicio, et ali. e. p'sto. p'lare. eo m°. qd. jacuit ad eccles. die q. Rex. E. obiit totus hundred. testatr. eam fuisse T. R. E. ad S'ca. Adeldr.

[1] Terr. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—In Fortesthorp dim. car. tre. ten. Ran. semp. dim. car. et i. bor. et val. x. sol. hoc invasit Wihenoc.

7°. to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq. and Sir *Thomas Mildmay*, in the 25th of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *Francis Gawdy*, serjeant at law, and so came to the Earl of *Warwick*, who conveyed it to *William Butts*, Esq. in the 19th of *James* I. and *Leonard Butts* sold it to Sir *John Hare*, Knt of *Stow-Bardolf*, in which family it remains.

Hermerus de Ferrariis lord of *Wirmegay*, had seized on 40 acres, a carucate, and 3 acres of meadow, which 6 freemen held under protection only of his predecessor; and because they were in want of pasture, they paid rent to him for it; it was valued at 5*s*.[2]

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Alexander le Moyne*, or *Monk*, and his parceners, were found to hold the 4th part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, as of the honour of *Wirmegay;* he was son of Sir *Peter le Moyne*, and gave rents to the sisters of St. *Mary Magdalen* in *Norwich*.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *Benedict Russell*, &c. held lands, and in the 20th, *John Russel* had the 4th part of a fee here, and in *Thorp*, called *Russele Moyns:* afterwards, the *Beaumonts* being capital lords, and forfeited to the Crown, King *Henry* VIII. on *September* 10, *Ao.* 33, granted it to the dean and chapter of *Ely*, and is now vested in them, and held lately by Sir *George Hare*, Bart.

The tenths were 1*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*—In the 16th of *Richard* II. *John Fincham*, &c. aliened to *Ely* priory a messuage, 27 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 6 of pasture, with liberty of a fold here and in *Garboysthorp*. The temporalities of that priory were valued, in 1428, at 33*s.* and 4*d.*—The temporalities of *Shouldham* priory at 50*s.* and ½.—Of *Wirmegey*, at 5*s.* 10*d.*

Here was formerly a church, but now no remains of it; it was a rectory, dedicated to St. *Peter*, valued at 8 marks; and paid *Peterpence* 10*d.* and in the patronage of *Ely* priory.

RECTORS.

In 1312, *John Aleyn* instituted, presented by the prior, &c. of *Ely*.
1319, *John Bottiller*. *Ditto.*
1335, *Reginald de Ely*. *Ditto.*
1347, *John de Lek* occurs rector.
1348, *R. de Barington*. *Ditto.*
1353, *William de Hancford*. *Ditto.*
William Portman resigned 1355.
1355, *Robert Man*. *Ditto.*
1361, *Thomas Atte-Dele de Fodeston*. *Ditto.*
1409, *Thomas Geyst*. *Ditto.*
1439, *Thomas Greneley*. *Ditto.*

In 1449, the church was appropriated to *Ely* priory by *W. Hart* Bishop of *Norwich*, on account of the poverty of its revenue, and the prior was to find a curate, and to pay the Bishop a pension of 3*s.* 4*d. per ann.;* the dean and chapter have the impropriation, and is leased to the *Hares*.

[2] Invas. Hermeri de Ferrar.—In Fotestorp vi. lib. hoes. xl. ac. i. car. iii. ac. p'ti. val. v. sol. et in his nisi com'd. et quia non poss. carere pastura sua redd. ei consuetudine.

FORDHAM.

THIS village lies east of the great *Ouse*, and north of the river *Wissey;* and here is a causeway over a fenny ground to *Helgay*, often overflowed, but fordable; from whence, it is probable, it takes its name.

Several lords at the survey were concerned in this town: *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, seized on 3 freemen, who held 24 acres in the Confessor's time, valued at 2*s.* of these only the protection was in his predecessor.[3] This, with other lands belonging to *Riston*, *Beckswell*, *Dereham*, &c. which *Hermerus* held, (and after him the Lords *Bardolfs*) made up the manors of *Riston*, and of *Helgton*, or *Hembleton Hall*, in this town. In the reign of *Henry* III. the family of *Stradeset* was found to hold a lordship of the Lord *Bardolf*, and of the honour of *Wirmegey;* and in the time of *Edward* III. *Nicholas de Stradsete* held here, in *Stradsete*, *Barsale*, &c. a knight's fee of the said honour. In the 9th of *Edward* III. *Gilbert de Hethill*, parson of the church of *Tottenhall* in *Norfolk*, gave to the prior of the *Holy Cross* of *Wormegey* a messuage, 40 acres of land, 5 of pasture and 5*s.* rent, in *Fordham-Hithe:* and *Riston* held, of the aforesaid *Nicholas*, paying 5*s. per ann.* and in the 16th of *Richard* II. *John Davy*, and others, aliened lands and tenements here, &c. to the said priory.

John Cavendish, and *George Neffield*, as heirs to the *Stradsets*, held the same in the reign of *Henry* VI. of the Lord *Bardolf*. The part thus given to the prior of *Wirmegay* was called *Hembleton-hall, alias Uphall.*

The priory of *Wirmegay* being dissolved, and annexed with all its appertenances to that of *Pentney*, came, on the general dissolution, to the Crown; and Queen *Elizabeth* granted the manor here, with the advowson of a moiety of the church to *William Barber*, and *John Jenkins*, on the 3d of *August*, in her 7th year; afterwards it came to the *Skipwiths*, who possessed it in the 40th of the said Queen.

Jeffrey Curpell held also, in the reign of *Henry* III. a manor here, in *Roxham*, *West-Derham*, &c. of the Lord *Bardolf*, which *Roger Curpell* gave in the reign of *Edward* III. to the priory of *Wirmegay:* this also was granted, together with the abovementioned, at the said time, to *Barber* and *Jenkins*, and so came to the *Skipwiths.*

St. *Etheldreda* (the church of *Ely*) had, in King *Edward's* reign, 3 bordarers, who held at the survey 12 acres, valued at 2*s.* and the abbot of *Ely* had seized on 30 acres, which a freeman held, 3 borderers, and half a carucate, valued at 4*s.* of this his predecessor had the protection only.[4]

[3] Invas. Hermeri de Ferrariis.——In Fordham iii. lib. hoes. xxiiii. acr. comend'. tant. val. ii. sold. de his non hab. antecess. præt. comend'.—Rot. Honor. de Wringey pen. Camerar. S'ccarii.

[4] Terra Sce. Adeldrede.—In Forham

This went along with the abbot's manor of *Bexwell*, and held in the reign of *Edward* I. by *Stephen Bexwell*. In the 14th of the said King, *John*, son of *Henry de Deen*, held lands of the Bishop of *Ely*, as did *Stephen de Dunneby*; and *John de Deen* and *Maud* his wife, in the said year, conveyed a moiety of the church of *Fordham*, belonging to him, to *Robert de Benhale*, and *Robert* to *Hervey de Stanton*, and so came to *John de L'Isle*; afterwards it was in the *Skipwiths*.

William Earl *Warren* had 111 acres, which 2 freemen were deprived of.[5] This belonged to his manor of *Denver* that extended here.

Rainold, son of *Ivo*, had seized on 3 freemen, with 25 acres, and were under protection; the abbot of *Ramsey* had the soc; also on one freeman, with 5 acres, of whom the abbot of *Bury* had the commendation, or protection, in King *Edward's* time, valued at 5*s*.;[6] this came after to the Earls of *Clare* and *Gloucester*, and was held by *Jeff. Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, in the time of King *John*, who gave it to his priory of *Shouldham*. On its dissolution, it came to the *Skipwiths*; ond the priory's temporalities here, in 1428, were valued at 10*s*.

The abbot of *Ramsey* had, in the time of the Confessor, and at the survey, 24 acres, valued at 2*s*. 8*d*. also the lands of a freeman containing 24 acres, valued at 3*s*.;[7] this, with the manor of *Snore*, (as will appear,) was held of the abbey. *Ralph*; Lord *Bainard* had 30 acres, which 3 freemen, and a borderer held:[8] this was afterwards held of the Lords *Fitz-Walter*, and was part of the manor of *Fincham*, &c. and valued there.

Thomas Gawsell, Esq. of *Watlington*, by his will dated *Sept.* 14, 1500, gives to his younger son *Richard* a manor here; and *Ellen Gawsell*, Gent. of *Watlington*, by her will, dated on St. *Clement's* day, 1504, gives to *John* her son the manor of *Woodleves* in *Fordham*, which came to the *Skipwiths*.[9]

SNORE-HALL.

Snore was a village, in the Confessor's time; nothing of it remains, but part of an old hall, now a farm-house, lying east of *Fordham*. The abbot of *Ramsey* had in the Confessor's time, and at the survey, half a carucate of land, valued at 10*s*.[1] *Ralph*, son of *Ralph de Snora*, was lord in the reign of *Henry* III. *William de Snora*, son of *Ralph*, paid homage for lands to the abbot of *Ramsey*, in his chamber at *Hilgey* manor, on *Sunday* after the feast of St. *Paul*, *Ao.* 21 *Edward* I. *John de Snore* lived in the reign of *Edward* III. and *Robert de Snore* in 1388. After this it was held by *William Adamson*, *Thos*

iii. bor. xii. ac. val. ii. sol. invas.—In Fordham tenet abbas de Eli de Sc'a. A. xxx. ac. quas tenuit lib. ho sep. iii. bor. et dim. car. val. iiii. sol. de hoc non habuit ni. comdatione.

[5] Ter. Willi. de Warenna.—In Forham ii. libi. hoes. iii. ac. terre.

[6] Invasion. Rainaldi. filii Ivonis.—In Fordeham iii. libi. hoes. combat. Scs. Ben. socam de xxv. ac. et i. lib. ho. de v ac. de isto hab. Sc's. Edm. comd. tantu. T. R. E. hoc ten. Rainald. val. v. fol.

[7] Terra Scs. Benedicti de Ramesio,—In Phorham xxiiii. ac et val. ii. sol. viiid. In ead. lib. ho. xxiiii. ac. val. iii. sol.

[8] Terr. Rad. Bainardi.—In Phordham xxx. ac. tre. ten. iii. lib. i. bord. lib. hoes. appret. sunt su perius.

[9] Reg. Cage Norw. et Reg. Ryx.

[1] Terr. Sc'i. Ben. de Rames. In Snora3dim. car. ter. val. x. sol.

Brown, and *Robert Atmore*, by *William Cobb*, *Nicholas Spalding*, and *Thomas Belyetter*, and then came to the *Skipwiths*, who built a good hall, part of it still standing. In the 8th of *Edward* IV. *John Billingburgh*, treasurer of the abbot, received of *William Skipwith*, Gent. on *Feb.* 23, 26*s.* 8*d.* an annual rent out of this manor, and lands at *Snore* in *Fordham*, late *Thomas Billyetter's*, and *Margaret* his wife's. *William Skipwith* was lord in 1504, son, as I take it, of *William* aforesaid, and *Margaret* his wife, she dying in 1486. *William Skipwith* was lord in the 25th of *Henry* VIII. and by *Margaret* his wife left *Edmund* their son and heir, who died lord of *Fordham* and *Snore-Hall* in 1558. By his will, dated *Nov.* 12, 1557, he appoints *William* his son, and *Catherine* his wife executors; calls *John Stornley*, Gent. his brother. *William* occurs lord in 1588, and married *Ellen*, daughter of — *Bachecroft* of *Bexwell:* by his will, dated in 1588, he calls *Thomas Batchcroft* his brother-in-law. In the 17th of *James* I. *Edmund Skipwith* possessed it, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Guybon*, Esq. by his first wife, daughter of —— *Catelyne;* and in 1651, Sir *Ralph Skipwith*, lord of *Snore*, and of *Fordham*. In 1616, *Edmund Skipwith*, Gent. paid an annual rent out of this manor to the lord of *Swaffham* manor in *Norfolk*. After this, Sir *Thomas Viner*, Lord Mayor of *London*, held it; from whom it came to the *Smalls* of *Gloucestershire;* and *Viner Small*, Esq. is lord, and of *Fordham*.

The tenths were, of *Fordham* and *Snore* 8*l.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* —Lete fee 16*d.*—Temporalities of *Bromhill* priory 5*s.*—*Castleacre* 9*s.* —*Wirmegay* 5*s.*—*Coxford* priory 10*s.*—*Shouldham* 10*s.*—*West-Derham* 5*s.*—*Westacre* 2*s.* 9*d.*—*Norwich* priory 12*s.*

The old church was a small pile, and falling down in 1730, is rebuilt. There were two medieties anciently belonging to it; one was appropriated to *Wirmegay* priory, to that of *Norwich*, and the church was dedicated to St. *Mary*. *Wirmegey* mediety was called the portion of *John*, who was rector in 1278. In 1306, *Laurence de Massingham Magna*, rector, presented by the prior of *Wirmegey*. It was appropriated in *Febr.* 1346, by Bishop *Bateman*, paying 20*s. per ann.* to the see of *Norwich;* this priory being annexed to that of *Pentney*, at the Dissolution, was granted *Aug.* 3, *Ao.* 7 *Elizabeth*, to *William Barber* and *John Jenkins*, and came after to the *Skipwiths*, &c. and to *Viner Small*, Esq. the present impropriator. *Norwich* mediety was called the portion of *Goscelin*, valued at 4 marks. *John de Denver* was rector in *Edward* the First's time. 1304, *Matthew* son of *John de Stanton*, rector, presented by *Alexander de Walsoken*, and *Thomas de Briton*. 1308, *John de Ely*, by Sir *Hervey de Stanton*. On *April* 3, *Ao.* 10 *Edward* III. license was granted to *John de Lisle* to give it, (which he purchased of Sir *Hervey*,) with a messuage, 6*s.* rent, &c. to *Norwich* priory, to find a chaplain to pray for the soul of the said *John*, and *Mary* his wife, *Robert de Ufford*, *Thomas Rosceline*, &c. and it was appropriated *June* 6, 1351; and is now held of the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

In 1603, it was certified that there were 41 communicants.

HILGEY

Is a village on a hill, (surrounded with water and fens,) on the south side of the river *Wissey*, near its fall into the river *Ouse:* at the survey it was a lordship of the abbey of *Ramsey*, by the gift of King *Edgar*, and contained 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, and 11 bordarers, 5 servi, and 8 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 2 bovates amongst the tenants, or men, &c. valued at 80*s*. in King *Edward's* time, but after at 70*s*.—*William* Earl *Warren*, had deprived the abbot of 8 men of this manor, with their customary dues, and 43 acres of land, as the hundred certified. The manor was 5 furlongs long, and 4 and an half broad, and paid 8*d*. of a 20*s*. gelt.[2]

The abbot of *Ramsey* had also in this hundred of *Clacklose*, lordships in *Wimbotsham*, *Snore*, *Derham*, *Fordham*, and *Outwell;* in the hundred of *Freebridge*, *Walsoken* manor; in *Docking* hundred, *Brancaster* manor; in *Smithden* hundred, *Ringsted;* and in *Brodecross* hundred, *Burnham* manor.

WOOD-HALL MANOR.

The abbot of *Ramsey* had a charter for free warren here, in the 35th of *Henry* III. and in the 16th of *Henry* VI. the issues and profits of this manor amounted to 124*l*. 16*s*. as stated by *John Bexwell*, Esq. steward to the manor.

On the Dissolution, this lordship, with the advowson of the rectory, was granted, *Nov.* 27, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. to *James Hawe*, Esq. to be held of the King by knight's service. *Henry Hawe*, his son, built here a large manor-house of brick; and dying in 1592, left by *Ursula* his wife, daughter of *Robert Holditch*, Esq. of *Diddington*, a daughter and heir, *Frances*, who brought it by marriage to Sir *John Willoughby*, Knt. of *Risle* in *Derbyshire*, son of *George Willoughby*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Richard Neale* of *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalen*.

Sir *John* left, by the said *Frances*, Sir *Henry Willoughby*, created baronet in 1611. His daughter *Elizabeth* married Sir *John Wray*, Bart. whose daughter and heir *Elizabeth*, married the honourable *Nicholas Saunderson*, Esq. eldest son of Sir *George Saunderson*, Bart. Lord Viscount *Castleton* of *Ireland*, and had *Wray Saunderson*, who dying *s. p.* at *York*, *April* 7, 1714, gave this lordship to Sir *Cecil Wray*, Bart. 2d son of Sir *Drury Wray*, Bart. and *Anne* his wife,

[2] Terr. Sc'i. Benedicti de Ramesio.—Hidlingeiam ten. S'cus Bened. ii. car. tre. semp. viii. vill. et xi. bor. v. serv. viii. ac. p'ti. ii. car. in dominio et ii. bov. hom. iii. runc. v. anim. x. por. LXX. v. tc. val. LXXX. sol. m°. LXX. de hoc man°. tulit Will. de Warrenna viii. hoes. consuetudinarios ad hoc man. de XLIII. acr. tre. ut hund. testat. hoc man. ht. v. quar. in longo, et 4. quar. et dim. in lat. et redd. viii *d*. de gelto de xx. sol.

daughter and heir of *Thomas Casey* of *Rathcannon*, in the county of *Limerick* in *Ireland*, Esq. who succeeded his brother Sir *Christopher* in 1710. Sir *Cecil* was bred to arms, was a captain in General *Farrington's* regiment, and served in *Flanders*, *Spain*, and *Portugal*, and married *Mary*, daughter of *Edward Harrison* of *Morely*, in the county of *Antrim* in *Ireland*, Esq. by *Johanna* his wife, daughter of the Right Reverend Dr. *Jer. Tayler* Bishop of *Down* and *Connor*; and was succeeded in honour, and this lordship, &c. in *May* 1736, by his cousin, Sir *John Wray*, Bart. eldest son of *William*, only son of *Cecil*, 4th son of Sir *Christopher Wray*, whose son, by *Frances*, daughter of *Nicholas Norcliffe* of *Langton*, in the *East Riding* of *Yorkshire*, Esq. Sir *Cecil Wray* was late lord, whose arms are,—*azure* on a chief, *or*, three martlets, *gules*; crest an ostrich, *or*; motto, *Et juste et vray.*— A fee-farm rent of 1*l.* 14*s.* 8*d. per ann.* paid for it, and Captain *Manby* of *Denver* is the present lord.

MASSINGHAM, OR CURTEY'S MANOR.

In the 22d year of *Henry* VI. *William Massingham*, Esq. of this town, was lord of this manor, with its lands, tenements, rents, services, meadows, pastures, moors, marshes, a free fold, &c. held of the abbot of *Ramsey*; all which formerly belonged to *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. and after that to *Nicholas Massingham*, Esq.; and in the 3d year of *Edward* IV. *Thomas Massingham*, Esq. son of *William*, held the same, and sealed with a cross, ingrailed; crest, a griffin's head; on the right side of the helmet a lion rampant; on the left, a man, as supporting it. On *December* 16, 1468, *John Astley*, Esq. of *Melton Constable* in *Norfolk*, had a grant from the abbot of *Ramsey* of the custody and marriage of *Thomas Massingham*, son and heir of *Thomas Massingham*, Esq. This *Thomas* died possessed of it in 1492, his will being dated *August* 20.

Stigand Archbishop of *Canterbury* also held in his own right, as a lay fee, 30 acres, and one carucate, which a freeman under his protection enjoyed in King *Edward's* reign. At the Conquest, the Conqueror seized on it, and was held for him by *William de Noyers*, and after granted to *William* Earl *Warren*, who had 22 acres also, which belonged to 8 freemen in King *Edward's* time, valued at 7*s.* 6*d.* and belonged to the monastery of *Ramsey*, as the hundred witnesses.[3]

This belonged to the great lordship of *Methwold*, and extended here, and was possessed under the Earls *Warren* and *Surry*, by the families of *Cailli* and *Clifton*. *Roger de Cailli* gave to the priory of *Castleacre* all his rents of eels here; *viz.* 1000 and an half *per ann.* for the soul of *Simon* his father, *Alice* his mother, *Joan* and *Beatrix* his wives;[4] and *Alice*, by her deed *sans* date, gave a fishery called *Poltsere*, to find the house 1000 eels *per ann.* *Ralph de Baliol*, by his deed *sans* date, gave also for the soul of his lord, the Earl *Warren*,

[3] Tre. Stigandi Ep'i. quas custodit W. de Noiers in manu Regis.—In Halingheia, i. lib. ho. xxx. ac. i. car.—Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.—In Hidlingheia xxii. ac. qd. ten. T. R. E. viii. hoes. et val. vii. sol. et viii *d.* s. et hund. testatur. qd. fuit ad victu. monachor. de S'co. Benedicto.

[4] Reg. Castleac. fol. 86.

a rent of 2000 eels, with *Goderick de Wodebrict*, his wife and children:—Witnesses, *Reginald de Warren*, &c.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* were, in 1428, valued at 20*s.*

These tenures made part of the dutchy of *Lancaster* in this town.

The abbot of St. *Edmund's Bury* had 58 acres of land held by 3 villains, with one carucate and 4 acres of meadow, which were valued with his manor of *Suthrey*, which extended here, and the temporalities of the cellarer of that abbey, in this town, were valued, in 1428, at 40*s. per ann.*[5]

Here were also at that time several other small tenures. *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, lord of *Wirmegey*, had seized on 6 acres of land: of this the abbot of *Bury* had only the protection valued at 8*d.* also on 2 acres held by 2 freemen, &c.[6] *Roger Bigot* had one acre and an half held by a freeman before the Conquest, valued at 3*d.*[7] and the church of *Ely* had 4 bordarers, who held 2 acres, valued at 6*d.*[8]

The temporalities of the priory of *Wymondam* were valued at 40*s. per ann.* The prior, by deed *sans* date, demised to *Leoline Rok* all his fishery in the parts of *Helgey*.

The abbot of *West-Derham* had a cottage, and part of a fishery granted by *William de Githnei*, in fee-farm for a mark of silver; and he confirmed the gift of *Jeff. Fitz-Jeffrey* of the other part, in the reign of King *Henry* III. This was given at the dissolution, *Sept.* 13, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, to *Thomas Guybon*, and *William Mynn*.

In the 12th of *Henry* III. *Steph. de Tyeford*, and *Maud* his wife, gave lands here to *Margaret* the prioress, and convent of *Blackburgh*.

The tenths of the town were 8*l.*—Deducted 13*s.* 14*d.*

The lete was in the abbot of *Ramsey*, and was in Sir *George Hare*, Bart. fee 2*s.*

MODENEY PRIORY.

In this parish, about a mile from the church, south-west, near the river *Ouse*, was the priory of *Modeny*, called now *Modeney-Hall*, and was a cell to *Ramsey* abbey. On the Dissolution, it was granted, with its appertenances, *April* 18, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. to *Robert Hogan*, Esq. on his paying 39*s. per ann.* to the Crown; soon after, in the said year, *Feb.* 4, he had license to alienate it to *James Hawe*, Esq.; from the *Hawes*, it came to the *Willoughbys;* and by *Catherine*, a daughter of Sir *Henry Willoughby*, to the *Purefoys*, and to the *Greys*, and the *Astons*, as in *Southrey*, and is now in Sir *Robert Burdet*, Bart.

The CHURCH of *Hilgey* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, consisting of 2 isles, covered with lead, and a tower at the west end, built of rag-stone,

[5] In Hidlingeia LVIII. ac. terre, iii. vill. i. car. iiii. ac. p'ti. app'tiat. e. in Sutreia.

[6] In Hidlingeia vi. ac. tre. qd. ten. S'cus. Eadmund. com'd. tant. et val. viii *d.* in ead. vill. ii. lib. de ii. ac. val. viii *d.* &c.

[7] In Hilingheia i. ac. et dim. ten. lib. ho. T. R. E. et val. iii *d.*

[8] In Hidlingeia iiii. bor. ii. ac. et val. ii *d.*

&c. in which are 5 bells: the present valor is 10*l.* and pays first-fruits, &c.

Against the wall of the south isle, near the east end, is a mural monument, with the small effigies of a man, his wife, and a child, all on their knees, with a desk before them, thus inscribed:

Hic jacet Henricus Hawe Armiger, et Ursula uxor ejus, una filiarum Roberti Holditche Arm. quorum gratuitas in amicos, Elymosyna in pauperes, charitas in omnes, satis liquet. Vixere hii duo fideli conjuncti matrimonio annos 44, *unicam tantum habentes filiam Franciscam nuptam Johi. Wilughby, Armig. qui in eorum memoriam hæc fieri fecit, dictus Henricus, obiit* 31 *Septembr.* 1592, *et ipsa Ursula* 8 *Decemb.* 1594.—*Johs. Wilughby, semper idem.*

On the pavement adjoining, lies a marble grave-stone, with a plate of brass, and thereon,

Subjacet Henricus cognomento Haweus, omni
Virtute insignis, vir pius, artis amans.
Delicias vitæ sprevit matura senectus,
Quas sequitur fletus, mors, labor atq; dolor.
Vitam aliam sperat, laniat quam nulla senectus,
Mors, labor, aut fletus, gaudia sola refert.
Terra, breve hospitium, corpus fit vile cadaver,
Cum truces parcæ tristia fila secant.
Flet, gemuit, queritur, pauper, peregrinus, egenus,
Patrono ut præstent funera justa suo.
Henrici fatum deflemus triste, camœnâ,
Dum veniam precibus dederis alme Jesu.
Obiit 31 *Sept.* 1592.

On the aforesaid monument are the arms of *Hawe; sable,* a fess humet, *ermin,* between three griffins heads, erased, *argent;* and of *Holditch,* ——— on a chevron, —— three magpies proper.

On the pavement of the north isle lies a grave-stone,

In memory of Nicholas Spencer, S. T. B. Fellow of Trinity college, Cambridge, and rector of this parish, who died June 15, 1705, *Ætat. suæ* 63.

Near to this another,

In memory of Margaret, wife of John Musson, rector, who died March 29, 1710, *Ætat. suæ* 30.

At the east end of this isle is the communion table.

The roof of the south isle has been curiously painted, and thereon, &c. have been many arms of benefactors, owners of land here, &c. *viz.* of *Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich; Thomas* of *Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk; or,* on a bend, *azure,* three rams heads cabosed, *argent,* armed *or, Ramsey* abbey; *Norwich* priory; Earl *Warren;* Lords *Mowbray, Howard, Bardolf, Scales; or,* on a chief, *gules,* three plates, *Camois; Ingaldesthorp, argent* on a bend, *sable,* three lis of the first, *Thorp, Tilney,* Lord *Bouchier, Tatsall, Clifton, Ufford,* and *Beke* quarterly, *Clifford, Stafford, Ferrers, Dagworth, Erpingham; argent* on chevron, *sable,* three lis of the first, *Bardwell, Rainham, Strange, Ross, Narburgh, Foliot, Gonvill, Calthorp, Lovell, Wingfield, Caston,*

Berney, Wilton, Rochford, Argenton, Inglos, Bois, Le Gross, Harsike, and *argent* on a bend, *gules,* three lozenges, *or, Elmham,* &c.

In the north isle, in a window, was the portraiture of a knight in armour, kneeling, on his surcoat, *gules,* a saltire ingrailed, *argent, Kerdeston;* and that of his lady, with an *orate* for them. Sir *Thomas Kerdeston* died seized, 29 *Henry* VI. of a messuage, and 14 acres of land here.

RECTORS.

1307, *John de Hengham,* instituted rector;[9] presented by the abbot and convent of *Ramsey.*

1335, *Simon de Glynton,* by *Simon Costyn, hâc vice.*

1349, *Andrew de Grundesburgh,* by the King.

Robert Westowe, rector.

1397, *Simon de Helgeye,* by the abbot, &c.

1400, *John Wells.*

1402, *Richard Merkwyke.*

1403, *Henry Drayton.*

John Long, rector.

1412, *Jeffrey Medwey.*

1418, *John Toly.*

1425, *Richard Alone:* it appears that the sacrist of *Ramsey* had a pension of 20*s. per ann.* out of this rectory.

1442, *Thomas Maunchell.*[1]

1443, *William Spencer.*

1457, *Roger Keys.*

1477, *John Raughton.*

Gilbert Robinson.

1496, *William Fitz-John,* S. T. B.

1503, *Edmund Jackson,* L. L. D.

1521, *John Rayne,* L. L. D. The church was valued at 12 marks: he was also rector of *Barton* St. *Andrew,* and prior of St. *Neot's* in *Huntingdonshire.*

1533, *William Holyer,* A. M. by the assignees of the abbot, &c.

1554, *Griff. Richard, alias Tregarn,* L. L. D.

Simon Brande, occurs rector, and died 1572. He was a married priest, and in *Parker's* Certificate.[2]

1573, *Thomas Smith,* by *Henry Hawe,* Esq.

1580, *Thomas Pigott,* by *H. Hawe,* Esq.

1595, *Thomas Barsham,* by *John Willoughby,* Esq.; in 1603, he certified that there were 200 communicants here.

1610, *James Williams,* A. M. by *Richard Williams,* assignee of *Henry Willoughby,* Esq.[3]

1621, *Phineas Fletcher,* A. M. by *Henry Willoughby,* Bart. He was brother to the Bishop of *London.*

1650, *Arthur Tower,* A. M. admitted by the committee for plundered ministers.

1675, *Thomas Malyverer,* A. M. by *Nicholas Saunderson,* Esq.

[9] Lib. Instit. Norw.

[1] Reg. Abb. de Ramsey.

[2] Presbiter conjugatus, doctus, resident, hospitalis, ibidem, prædicat, nullum aliud. Parkeri Archiep. Certificator.

[3] See Ath. Ox. vol. i.

1679, *Nicholas Spencer*, A. M. by *Nich. Saunderson*, Esq.
1705, *John Musson*, by *Walter* and *Robert Spencer*.
1740, *John Deering*, by Sir *John Wray*, Bart. and prebend of *Rippon*.
Here was St. *Mary's* guild, and that of St. *John Baptist*.

MARHAM,

So called, from a large marsh or moor lying near to it, which being often overflowed, appears as a meer. The principal manor of this village was in the church of *Ely*, by the grant of King *Edgar;* and in the time of *Leoffin*, the 5th abbot of that church, the produce of it was set apart as a farm, and appointed for the entertainment of strangers who came to the said abbey, and to bring in provisions necessary for that purpose.[4] The *Norman* lords made encroachments on it at the Conquest, as appears. At the grand survey, it seems to have been the capital lordship of that church, in the hundred and half of *Clacklose*, and had 10 letes therein; and St. *Etheldreda*, or St. *Audrey*, the foundress of that church, is in the said survey, said to have had 4 carucates in demean, in the reign of the Confessor, and then but 3; in the aforesaid reign there were 6 carucates among the tenants, 19 villains, 13 bordarers, and 7 servi, 26 acres of meadow, one mill, 10 beasts (runci) for carriage, one cow, 131 sheep, 24 swine; the land was one leuca long, and 100 perches, and half a leuca broad, and one quarter; but the measure in the marsh was not known; it was valued at 10*l. per ann.* To this lordship there belonged in King *Edward's* time 27 socmen, with all their customary dues; but after King *William* came, *Hugh de Montfort* had all of them, except one, whom *William de Warren* had, which socman held 6 acres of the church of *Ely*. This whole land paid 14*d.* gelt, when the hundred and half paid 20*s.* and it was the same at the survey.[5]

THE ABBEY MANOR.

This lordship was held by the Earls *Warren* of the church of *Ely*. In the 1st year of King *John*, there was a suit between the Bishop of

[4] Dudg. Mon. Angl. vol. iii. p. 94.

[5] Terra Sce. Adeldrede hund. et dim. de Clakeslosa de x leitis—Mareham tenuit S'ca A.T.R.E. tc. iiii. car. in dnio. m°. iii. tc. vi. car. hom. m°. iii. sep. xix. vill. et xiii. bor. tc. vii. ser. m°. v. xxvi. ac. p'ti. et i. mol. tc. x. runc. modo iiii. tc. i. vac. m°. vi. tc. cxxxi ov. m°. ccc. tc. xxiiii. por. m°. xxiii. hec tra. t. u. leug. in long. et c. perc'. et dim. lei in lat. et i. qr. et in maresc. nescit m'sura. sep. val. x. lib. huic manerio adjacebant T. R. E. xxvii. soc. c. o'i. consuetudine s. post; Rex Will. advenit habuit eos Hugo de Montfort p't. unu' p. W. de UUar. i. soc. de vi. ac. de ec'lia. hec tota tra. redd. xiiii *d.* de g. qu. hund. et d. reddebat geltu. de xx. sol. m°. simil.

Ely, and *Hamlen Plantaginet* Earl *Warren*, when they came to this agreement, that the Earl acknowledged it to belong to the see of *Ely*, and the Bishop granted the Earl and his heirs to hold it of that see, by the service of one knight's fee; and the Earl 100*s.* rent *per ann.* in lands, in pure alms for ever to the church of *Ely*.[6]

William, the 6th of that name, Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, on the marriage of his 2d daughter *Isabel*, gave it with her in marriage to *Hugh de Albini* Earl of *Arundel* and *Sussex*, who dying *s. p.* in 1243, she in 1249, on her founding a nunnery in this town, settled it on that house: about this time the rent of assise of the free tenants, &c. is said to have been 14*l.* 5*s.* 3*d. ob. per ann.*[7]

By the inquisitions taken in the the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbess was found to have the lete, assise of bread and beer, all forfeitures, a gallows, and other royal privileges, which she claimed as liberties belonging to the see of *Ely;* and in the 20th of that King, she held here one knight's fee in pure alms of the Earl *Warren*, the Earl of the Bishop of *Ely*, and the Bishop *in capite;* and it appears from a curious parchment roll, illuminated and made in this reign, that there were 2 carucates and an half of land, 8 acres of pasture in demean, a water-mill, free bull and boar, 26 villains, and many free tenants are mentioned, with the right of a gallows, tumbrel, &c.

In or about the 29th of *Edward* III. a rental specifies, that the abbess had 500 acres, and 3 roods of arable land here in demean, and 48 acres and a half of pasture, or meadow here, and in *Shouldham;* several turbaries, a water-mill, a fulling- mill, and a right in the river from *Holmes*, in the moor of *Narburgh*, to the pool of the said mill.

On the dissolution of this convent, it came to the Crown; and King *Henry* VIII. conveyed it on *July* 3, in his 38th year, with the site of the abbey, to Sir *Nicholas Hare*, Knt. and *John Hare*, citizen and mercer of *London*, on the payment of a fee-farm rent of 3*l.* 6*s.* 2*d. ob. per ann.* to the Crown, which on *July* 9, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, was also granted to the said Sir *Nicholas*, together with lands and tenements in *Wimondham, Besthorp, Carlton, Kentford, Needham, Gasely, Heringswell*, &c. in the tenure of *Thomas Buckworth*, belonging to the late nunnery of *Marham*, with the appropriated rectory of *Didlington*, the advowson of *Saxmundham* church, messuages and lands in *Brigham, Roudham, Wichingham Magna, Bodney, Thetford, Bedingham, Okeholt*, &c. and in this family it remains, the honourable Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being the late lord.

OLD - HALL.

This consisted of that part of the possessions of the see of *Ely*, which were alienated by *Wilfrick*, the 6th abbot of *Ely*,[8] to his brother, before *Domesday Book* was made; and at the Conquest, *Hugh de Montfort* was lord of it by an exchange; 26 socmen held it of the church of *Ely* in the time of the Confessor, when there were also 8 bordarers, 5 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, valued at 80*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* This was measured, and accounted for in the lordship

[6] P'lita Term. Pasch. R. V. D'nu. Tho. Hare, Bt. p. 60.
[7] Rental. Abbat. de Marham, penes
[8] Angl. Sacr. vol. i. p. 608, &c.

of St. *Etheldreda*;[9] (see in the priory manor,) and *Walter* held it under *Hugh*.

The socmen abovementioned were by their tenures, obliged to plough the lands of the abbot of *Ely*, to weed, bind, &c. their corn, and to bring provisions (when required) there, &c. all which services, &c. *Hugh* had, as their lord.—He was son of *Thurstand Bastenbergh*, a *Norman*, and was commonly called *Hugh* with a Beard (the *Normans* at that time being usually shaved,) and accompanying *William* Duke of *Normandy* into *England*, assisted him as a valiant and expert commander in the decisive battle of *Hastings*, afterwards was appointed to be an assistant in the administration of justice throughout the realm to *William Fitz-Osborn* and *Odo* Bishop of *Baieaux*. For his great services he obtained a grant of many lordships in *Kent*, *Essex*, *Suffolk*, &c. and of 19 in this county, viz. *Marham* in this hundred, *Islington*, *Middleton*, *Beneleai*, (or *Bilney*,) and *Geyton* in *Frebridge* hundred.—*Bodney* and *Langford* in South *Greenhou* hundred.—South *Creke* in *Gallow* hundred.—*Burnham*, *Rainham*, and *Helgeton* in *Brothercross* hundred.—*Ruguton* and *Beston* in North *Erpingham* hundred.—*Stanford* and *Buckenham* in *Grimshow* hundred.—*Wica* in *Gildecross* hundred.—*Gately* in *Launditch* hundred.—*Bodham* in *Holt* hundred, This lord was killed in a duel with *Walkeline de Ferrers*, and left *Hugh* his son and heir, who had two sons, *Robert* and *Hugh*, by his first wife, and by his 2d wife a daughter. *Robert* was general of the army of King *William* II. in the 12th year of his reign, but favouring the title of *Robert Curthose*, the Conqueror's eldest son, against King *Henry* I. retired with his brother *Hugh* to *Jerusalem*, leaving his inheritance, &c. where they both died *S. P.* in their pilgrimage; so that their sister inherited it, who married *Gilbert deGaunt*, by whom she had a son, *Hugh*, who assumed, from his mother, the sirname of *Montfort*.

Walter, who was enfeoffed of this lordship, and held it under *Hugh* at the survey, seems to be the ancestor of the family of *De Marham*, from whom descended *Marcus de Marham*, who married *Ermelina*, widow of *Osbert*, mareschall of *Robert de Vere*, senior, constable to King *Henry* II. which *Robert* was father of *Ermelina* by a daughter of *Hugh de Montfort*. *Walter de Marham*, son of *Mark*, gave to the monks of *Horton* in *Kent*, a marsh called *Marcheston*, which had been given to his mother *Ermelina* by *Robert de Vere*, and his wife, in frank marriage, and *Jeffrey*, son of *Walter*, confirmed the same.[1]

Sir *Walter de Marham*, son (as I take it) of *Jeffrey*, was lord in the reign of *Henry* III. and held it by one fee of the honour of *Hagenet* or *Haughley* in *Suffolk*; his daughter and heir *Margaret* brought it by marriage to Sir *William Belet*, alias *Bygot*; in the 34th of that King he possessed it, and in the 44th being the King's valet, had a grant of free warren, a weekly mercate and a fair.[2]

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *William Belet* claimed the lete of his tenants, assize of bread, &c. a gallows, &c. as privileges belonging to the see of *Ely*, had a messuage with 120 acres of land, 5 of pasture, 60s. rent

[9] Ter, Hugonis de Monteforti.——In Marham xxvi. soc. q. ten Walter' S'ci Adeldreda ad socham. T. R. E. tc. viii. bor. mo. viiii. t': v. car. mo. iiii. et vi. rc. pti. tc. val. lxxx. sol. p. l. lx. mo. x. hanc tra. recep. p. escangio, et est mensurata in brevi Sce. Adeldret.

[1] Regist. de Horton, penes Petr. Le Neve Armig. Norroy.

[2] Rot. Vascon. M. 9,

of assize, and performed suit to the King's court at *Haughley* from month to month, paying 10*s. per ann.* to *Dover Castle*. About this time, from a curious parchment roll, in the initial letter of which are the arms of *Belet, argent*, on a chief *gules*, two crescents, *or*, *William Belet* was lord; he and *Margaret* his wife claimed the patronage of the two churches in this town, the great tithes of which were appropriated to *Westacre* abbey, by the grant of *Geffrey de Marham;* and there belonged to this manor a carucate of land, and 10 acres of meadow in demean, 14 villains with their messuages and lands, and cottagers with 3 cottages, a windmill, free bull and boar. The freehold and copyhold tenants are mentioned with their services Of this *Belet's* ancestors, see an account in *Rudham* and *Coxford*.

Margaret, widow of Sir *William Belet*, was in the first year of *Edward* II. found to die seized of it, valued at 7*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* and Sir *Ralph Belet*, alias *Bygot*, was her son and heir, aged 50, who gave 100 shillings relief for his lands here: he died in the 9th of that King, when a messuage, a pigeon-house, 120 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 3 of pasture, and 60 shillings rent of assize belonged to it, and *Walter* was his son and heir, 23 years of age.

By an inquisition taken in the 20th of *Edward* III. Sir *Walter Bygot* appears to be lord, and in the 4th of *Richard* II. *Walter*, son of Sir *Walter; William Bygot*, son of *Walter*, dying *sans* issue in the 14th of *Henry* IV. it came to his 3 sisters and coheirs; *Catherine* married to *Robert Hunt, Margaret* to *William Galyon*, and *Elizabeth* to *Richard Fox;* but *Isabell* their mother, who was married to *John Dorward*, Esq. held it for life. They had also their parts and shares in the manor of *Tofts* in *Norfolk, Bacon's* and *Alfreston*-Hall in *Dunmow Magna*, and the advowson of the chapel or prebend in the church of *Dansey* in *Essex;* but all came after to *Hunt*, whose daughter and heir, *Isabel*, married to *Thomas Dayrell* or *Darrel*, who died lord of the manor of *Old-hall*, in the 5th of *Henry* VII. as did *Thomas* his son in the 21st of the said King, leaving two sisters and coheirs; *Beatrix* and *Anastatia;* this last brought it by marriage to *Thomas Jermin* Esq. who was lord in 1517, and conveyed it in that year with his wife *Anastatia*, by fine, to *John Spelman*, Esq. with about 300 acres of land, pasture and moor, 40*s. per ann.* rent in *Marham* and *Shouldham;* and in this family it remains, *John Spilman*, Esq. of *Narburgh*, being the present lord.

BELET'S AND DENHAM'S MANOR.

Hermerus de Ferrariis held at the survey 20 acres of land, which was *Turchetel's* in King *Edward's* reign, and belonged to the soc or lordship of St. *Etheldreda* aforementioned, and two villains who had then 3 bovates of land or oxgangs, and an an acre of meadow, valued always at 3*s.* 4*d.* and this land was measured with the lordshp of St. *Etheldreda*.[3] *William* Earl *Warren* had also half a carucate of land, which St. *Etheldreda* held in King *Edward's* time, 3 bordarers belonged to it with a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, valued then at

[3] Terre Hermeri. —— In Marsam. iii. bov. mo. ii. et i. ac. pti. xx. ac. tenuit Turchetel ad soca Scé iii. sol. iiii. d. h. tra. msurata. Adeld. semp. ii. villi. qi. tc. habebant vi. S. Adel.

20*s.* but after, and at the survey, at 26*s*, and 8*d.* and *Ralph* held it under this Earl.[4]

Of these fees I shall treat together. The family of *De Bekeswell* had an interest herein in the 35th of *Henry* III. when *William de Bekeswell* settled lands by fine on *John de Tudenham* and *Cassandra* his wife, who seem to have held both the fees abovementioned; and before this, in the 20th of the said reign, *Hermerus de Bekeswell* was petent in a fine, and *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* tenant of a carucate of land, which *Thomas* held in right of *Sibila* his late wife, widow of *Peter de Bekeswell*, brother to *Hermerus*.

William de Bekeswell, by his deed dated at *Cambridge*, in 1266, grants this lordship, which he held here of Sir *Roger de Wimple*, to Sir *William Belet*, to be held of him by the payment of a pair of white gloves on *Easter* day, or a penny, if asked of him;[5] to which deed Sir *Walter* son of Sir *John de Wygenhale*, Sir *Nicholas de Stradesete*, Sir *Adam de Cokesford*, Sir *Adam de Verley*, *Walter de Thorp Hervey de Geyton*, &c. were witnesses; and in the year following Sir *William Belet* quitclaimed to *William de Bekeswell*, all the land he held belonging to *William*, given him by the King, on the rebellion of the said *William*, excepting the tenements and lands in *Marham*, *Shouldham*, and *Berton*, which Sir *William* had purchasded of *Bekeswell*, and for his grant *Bekeswell* was to pay to *Belet* 100 marks.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *William Belet*, as lord, claimed to have the assize, &c. of his tenants, and to have built a castle to the King's prejudice, and that of his castle at *Norwich*; and that if war should happen (which God forbid) the King's enemies might have reception, destroy the country and the neigbouring religious houses. From the curious roll beforementioned, it appears that *William Belet* was lord, held a carucate of land, and 8 acres of meadow; that there were 13 villains with 9 messuages, &c. and 5 cottagers with their cottages and lands, &c. of the heirs of *William de Bekeswell*, by the service of one pair of gloves; the names of the free and copyhold tenants with their services are mentioned; the arms of *Belet* in the initial letter here are somewhat varied from the other arms, being, *argent*, on a chief *gules*, two cinquefoils, *or*. After this Sir *Ingelram Belet* was lord; he was knighted in the 34th of *Edward* I. at *Westminster*, with *Edward* the King's son, by bathing.

In the 6th of *Edward* II. Sir *Ingelram* seems to have died, and is said to hold a castle here, ditched in, in right of *Lora* his wife,[6] formerly belonging to *William de Bekeswell*, of the fee of the abbess of *Marham*, which *William* held 80 acres of land in demean of *Roger de Wymple*, and was afterwards purchased by *Isabel* Countess of *Arundel*, the foundress, and given to the abbey; out of this *Ingelram* paid 22*s. per ann.* to that convent, and the said convent paid for the same, 7*s. per ann.* to *Coxford* priory.[7]

This *Ingelram* was probably a younger son of Sir *William Belet*; he married *Avice*, daughter and heir of *Robert Bardolf*, and *Avice* his

[4] Tre Willi. de Warrenna.—In Marham ten. Radulf. dim. car. tre. qua. tenuit Sca Adeld. T. R. E. sep. iii. bord. et i. car. et iiii. ac. pti. tc. xx. sel. et p. et modo xxvi. sol. et viii.d.

[5] Remenbr. de Chartres, &c. Abb. de Marham. p. 3. 4. penes Dnum. Tho. Hare, Bt.

[6] Sir Ingel. and Lora his wife mentioned in a fine anno 5 of Edward II.

[7] Remenb. p. 59. 60.

wife, daughter of *John*, and sister and heir of *Anselm de Lound*, lord of *Crimplesham* and *Wyrham*, by whom he had *Robert* his son and heir, who was found in the 8th of *Edward* II. to have held in this town, *Beacham-Well*, *Wyrham*, *Crimplesham*, &c. one fee and an half of the honour of *Clare*; he probably died *s. p. anno.* 16 *Edward* II. being 18 years old at his father's death.

In the 19th of *Edward* II. *Robert de Well* was lord, and in the 39th of *Edward* III. *John de Denham* and *Maud* his wife, held it of the abbey of *Marham* with the castle, late Sir *Ingelram Belet's*, paying 22*s.* *per ann.* the rent of assize of the free tenants, villains, &c. amounted to 12*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* *q. per ann.* and besides the demean lands there were 372 acres and 3 roods held in villanage, 103 acres and 3 roods of aul'ond, 49 hens, 205 eggs paid yearly, and many reaping days of the tenants due in harvest, &c.

In the 9th of *Richard* II. it was in the hands of the abbess and convent, being aliened thereto by *Richard Holditch* and *John de Clenchwarton*, and *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* wrote in the same year to his steward, *John Gourney*, to enquire what damage would accrue in his consenting to it, (as capital lord of the manor of *Belets*,) and it was certified, it would be no damage, and yet the yearly value of it extended was 10 marks.[s] *Holditch* and *Clenchwarton* were trustees of *John de Denham* and *Maud* his wife, for this purpose; *Richard de Holditch* was appointed with others, a trustee in the 42d of *Edward* III. as appears from a fine; it remained in the abbey till its dissolution, and then granted as aforesaid to Sir *Nicholas Hare*, &c.

SHOULDHAM'S MANOR.

Of this lordship, which lay partly in this town, and partly in *Shouldham*, I have spoke at large in the said town, being held of the prior of *Shouldham*, by the family of *Shouldham*: I shall only observe that *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1250, granted license to *Simon de Shouldham*, and his heirs for his own and his family's use, to found a free chantry in his chapel, with the consent of the priory of *Westacre* and the vicar of *Marham*.

WESTACRE PRIORY MANOR.

Geffrey de Marham gave to this convent lands, with the rectories of St. *Andrew's* church, and that of the Holy *Trinity*, about the reign of King *John*, which were appropriated to it, and had the patronage of the vicarages.

In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 4*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* and their spiritualities at 16 marks here, *per ann.*

At the dissolution of this priory, or soon after, it came to the *Spelmans*; in 1607, Sir *Clement Spelman* was found to hold it *in capite* by the 40th part of a knight's fee, and *John Spelman*, Esq. of *Narburgh*, is the present lord.

In the 5th of *Edward* VI. a fen called *Monks Fen* was granted to

[s] Remenb. p. 60.

Thomas Darcy, on *April* 4, to be held in soccage, which probably to the said priory.

Many religious houses had lands here. In 1428 the temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were taxed at 34*s.* 4*d.* and their spiritualities at 3 marks and an half.—*Roger de Sculdham,* with the consent of *Emma* his wife, confirmed to them the rent of 7*s. per ann.* (given them by his ancestors) of *Geffrey de Fonte,* &c. and 4*s.* in *Fincham* of the sons of *Turlack.*[9] *Roger* son of *Reiner de Sculdham,* gave *Ulfketel,* son of *Aeldric, cum totâ sequelâ.*—*Geffrey* son of *Walter de Marham* gave 40 perches of a turbary ;---also a furlong of a turbary.

William Earl *Warren* gave to the canons of *Walsingham* 6 furlongs of his marsh, and *Isabell* Countess of *Arundel,* his daughter, an acre. Sir *Robert de Stradset* gave 2 furlongs, confirmed by his brother *Nicholas,* &c. In the 38th of *Henry* VIII. *October* 21, *Andrew Mansfield* had a grant of the Canons marsh, &c. and in the said year had license to alien it to *Elizabeth Spilman* and her heirs.

The temporalities of *Coxford* priory were 4*d.*—Of *Sporle* in a turbary 2*s.*—Of *Wendling* abbey in a turbary, 2*s.*—Of *Massingham* in a turbary 4*d.* The 10ths of the town were 10*l.* 10*s.* deducted 2*l.*

Here were formerly two churches in this town, one dedicated to St. *Andrew,* the other to the Holy *Trinity ;* this last is still standing: they were rectories united and valued together at 16 marks, granted to the priory of *Westacre,* and appropriated thereto ; out of these the priory of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe valued at 3 marks and an half; it consisted of two parts of the tithes of the demean of *Hermer de Bexwell,* and a moiety of the tithe of the whole fee of *Walter de Marham,* which *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to them in 1265 ; and the prior of *Westacre* had a manse belonging to these rectories, &c. The patronage of the vicarages, which were consolidated, was in the priory of *Westacre,* and they were valued at 6 marks ; the vicar had a manse in King *Edward's* time. *Richard de Walleys* had a portion of tithe valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* and *Peter*-pence was 16*d.* The present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

The CHURCH now standing, of the Holy *Trinity,* has a nave, with a south isle and a chancel built of rag-stone, clunch or chalk, and covered with lead ; at the west end of the nave stands a lofty four-square tower of flint stones, &c. with quoins, embattlements, &c. of freestone, with 4 bells ; on the top of this tower is a wooden shaft or spire covered with lead ; the length of the nave is about 63 feet, and with the south isle about 30 in breadth : at the east end of the nave lie several marble gravestones for the *Shouldhams,* &c.; their inscriptions, shields of brass, &c. all disrobed.

In the lowest window of the nave on the north side, are several arms; quarterly on the first and fourth quarter, *argent* a bear salient *sable,* muzzled, *or, Bernard* of *Isleham* in *Cambridgeshire;* and in the second and third quarters, *gules,* three lucies, najant in pale, in a bordure ingrailed, *argent, Lilling ;—argent* on a chief *gules,* two crescents, *or, Belet ;—azure,* a cross *or, Shelton ;—p.* pale, *azure* and *gules,* a cross engrailed *ermine, Berney ;—argent* three owls, *sable,* beaked, &c. *or, Brigge ;—sable,* on a chevron between three trefoils, *or,* as many

[9] Reg. Castleac. fol. 79, &c.

crescents of the first, *Holworthy;*—lozengy, *argent* and *gules, Todenham.* In the next window as you ascend, &c. *sable,* a fess nebulée between three wolves heads erased, *or, Wolfreton ;—or,* three chevronels, *gules,* each charged with as many lis *argent, Fitz-Ralph ;—Fincham ;—gules,* three chevronels, *argent, Bond* of *Essex ;—azure,* a bend *argent, Swathing ;*—quarterly *argent,* and *sable,* a bend over all *gules, Burston ;*—gyrony of eight, *azure* and *ermine, Trussebut ;—argent* on a bend, *azure,* a gobon, between two cross croslets, *or, Beaupre ;—or,* a cross between four squirrels sejant, *gules . . . argent,* a lion rampant, *gules,* bruised with a bendlet, *or, Branch.* In the south isle windows, *gules,* a fess, between six cross croslets, *or, Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick ;—gules,* a chevron, *or,* between three leopards faces, *argent, Carville ;—azure,* an eagle displayed, *or, Shouldham ;—azure* on a fess between two chevrones, *argent,* three crescents, *gules, Tendring ;—argent,* a chevron, *azure,* between three squirrels, sejant, *gules, Lovell.*

At the east end of this south isle is a chapel, and therein a large altar monument or tomb, whereon lie the statue of a man in complete armour, a lion couchant at his feet, and that of his wife, both of calk-stone, painted over, a canopy or cover above, and this inscription :

Here lieth the body of John Steward, and Ann his wife, which Ann was daughter of Humphrey Shouldham, Esq. the said Ann died the 28th day of January, Ao. Dni. 1603, *and the aforesaid John died February* 16, 1604.

On the summit is the quartered shield of *Steward,* consisting of 23 coats of arms: 1, *or,* a fess checque, *azure* and *argent, Steward ;* 2, the same with an escotcheon of pretence, *argent,* a lion rampant *gules,* bruised by a staff ragulée in bend, *or, Steward ;* 3, *argent,* the lion rampant, as before. This family of the *Stewards* came into *England,* and settled there in the reign of King *Henry* IV. Sir *John Steward,* who attended *James,* Prince of *Scotland,* son of King *Robert,* (on the sea coast of *Norfolk,* crossing the seas for *France,*[1] was taken prisoner with that prince.—Sir *Robert Steward* of this family is said to have encountered a lion in *France,* and his sword being broke in the engagement, seized on a staff, and with that slew the savage beast, for which action the *French* king gave him the bearing of the lion and ragged staff, as an augmentation of honour, as this distich testifies :

Francorum Carolus voluit sic stemmata ferri,
Singula cum valeant, sunt meliora simul.

The Honourable Sir *Simeon Stuart,* Bart. of *Heartly Mauduit* in *Hampshire,* and of *West Derham* abbey in *Norfolk,* is the lineal descendant of the aforesaid Sir *John,* and Sir *Robert.*——But to proceed; in the 4th quarter, *vert,* three boars heads couped *argent, Burley ;*—in the fifth, *argent* a lion rampant, *sable,* on his shoulder a mullet, *or, Walkfar ;*—6, *argent,* a chevron *gules,* between three hurts. *Baskervile ;*—7, *gules,* a fess, *ermine,* in chief a label of five points, *or, Wallis,* or *Wales ;*—8, *gules,* a fess checque, *argent* and *sable,* between six crosses patée fitchée of the second, *Butler ;*—9, quarterly *argent*

[1] This Sir John, marrying Mary Talmack, one of the maids of honour to Queen Joan, settled in England.

and *azure*, on a bend over all *sable*, three martlets of the first, *Le Gross*;—10, *argent* on a cross *sable*, a leopard's face, *or*, *Bridges*;—11, *gules*, a fess, *or*, between three escallops, *argent*, *Pitchard*;—12, *azure*, a fess between three chessrooks, *or*, *Bodenham*;—13, *argent*, a chevron between three martlets *sable*, *Wimondsell*;—14, *argent*, a griffin, segreant *sable*. . . . . ;—15, per pale, *sable* and *gules*, a lion rampant, guardant, *argent*, crowned *or*, *Bestney*;—16, *or*, a castle triple-towered, *sable*;—17, *gules*, an eagle with two heads displayed, *argent*. . . . . ;—18, *argent*, a cross patonce between four *Cornish* choughs, *sable*, *Spendelow*;—19, *argent*, flory de lis, *sable*, *Meredith*;—20, *vert*, three lions passant, in pale, *or*;—21, *argent*, a lion rampant guardant in a bordure ingrailed, *sable*. . . . . ;—22, *azure*, a chevron between three leopards faces, *or*, *Froyk*;—23, *or*, a griffin, segreant, *sable*, *Morgan*; and this motto, *Ferendo Sperando*.

On the body of the tomb is, *azure*, an eagle displayed, *or*, *Shouldham*; also *Steward* with his quarterings; and in the east window, *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*, Lord *Bardolf*,—and *Fitz Ralph*.

The chancel is separated from the nave by a wooden screen, and is in length about 32 feet, and in breadth about 18: besides the arms above mentioned, here were formerly in this church the following arms; *argent*, a maunch, *gules*, *Tony*;—*argent*, six annulets, *sable*, in a bordure ingrailed, *gules*, *Bexwell*;—*azure*, an escothon between an orle of martlets, *argent*, *Walcot*;—*ermine* on a chief, *gules*, five lozenges of the first, *Charles*;—*sable*, three mallets, *argent*, *Rainham*;—quarterly, *or* and *azure*, on a bend, *gules*, three escallops, *argent*, *Fastolf*;—*argent*, three escothons, *sable*, *Loudham*;—*argent*, a cross ingrailed, *gules*, *Gournay*;—*sable*, a griffin, segreant, *argent*, *Froximer*;—*argent*, two bars and a canton, *gules*, *Bois*;—*argent*, on three ogresses, as many cross croslets of the first, *Heath*;—*ermine* on a fess, *gules*, three escallops, *or*, *Sackford*;—*azure*, three cinqefoils, *argent*, *Fitton*; *Shouldham* impaling, *gules* on a chevron, *argent*, three crosses formy fitchée, of the first, *Wilton*; *Shouldham* and *Wolfreton* quarterly, and *Shouldham* and *Rainham* quarterly, &c.

VICARS.

Nicholas occurs vicar of the churches of the Holy *Trinity*, and St. *Andrew* in *Marham* about 1250, and *John* in 1294.[2]

In 1307, *Rowland de Godewyk* instituted, presented to both churches by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.

1349, *Roger Godwyn*.
1352, *Henry Albot*.
William Wardebois, vicar.
1378, *Andrew Reed*.
1384, *John Gibbs*.
1385, *John Fitz-Simon*, by papal provision
1395, *Rath Atte Heythe*.
1398, *John Alman*.
1399, *John Cave*.

[2] Remenb. Abbot. p. 1. 20. &c.—Institut. Norw.

1400, *John Ferthyng*, buried in the churchyard of *Trinity* church, and gives to the repair of both churches.
1431, *Thomas Howde.*
1433, *Thomas Boterell.*
John Bull, vicar.
1446, *William Malton.*
1450, *Thomas Croxley.*
1455, *John Brydde.*
Richard Marsh, vicar.
1501, *John Freeman.*
1506, *William Slack.*
1520, *John Chyrnge.*
1550, *Richard Sharp*, by the King.
1562, *John Beckworth*, by the Queen.
1590, *Ralph Dodge*, A. M. by the Queen: in 1603, he returned 26 communicants.
1610, *Stanley Waller*, by the King.
1610, *Thomas Atkinson*, A. M. by Sir *Robert Rich.*
1615, *Oliver Philips*, A. M. by Sir *Ralph Hare.*
1652, *Jonathan Loftus*, A. M. admitted by the committee, afterwards sequestered.
Thomas Scott, A. M. by St. *John's* college, *Cambridge.*
1669, *Robert Becket.*
James Frost, A. M.
1729, *Edward Chappelow*, A. M. by St. *John's* college.

The church of St. *Andrew* stood in the close, near to the vicar's house, the site is still to be seen, by the wall of flint in some places; Mr. *Frost*, vicar, making a ditch here, found several human bones and a stone coffin. This church was standing, as appears by a will, in 1428.

The appropriated rectories with 30 acres of glebe land, and the advowson of the churches, &c. on the Dissolution, came to the Crown, and so remained, as appears from the presentations. Sir *Thomas Mildmay*, farmed the rectories at 12*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and paid also 4*l. per ann.* to the heirs of the Duke of *Norfolk* for that portion of tithe which the prior of *Castleacre* had in this church which had been granted to the Duke. After this Sir *Francis Gawdy*, the judge, had a grant of it, and held it in 1603, from whom it came to Sir *Robert Rich*, (afterwards Earl of *Warwick,)* by the marriage of the Judge's grand-daughter, who presented in 1610; he sold it to Sir *Ralph Hare*, who presented in 1615. This honourable gentleman, being Knight of the Bath, gave to the master, fellows, and scholars of St. *John's* college in *Cambridge*, and their successours, all the rectory, parsonage and church of *Marham* in *Norfolk*, with all its rights, &c. glebe lands, tithes of corn and hay, advowson of the vicarage, the master and fellows to employ the profits for 3 years for the new erecting a spacious library in the said college, and then to go towards the maintenance of 30 of the poorest and best disposed scholars residing there; dated *April* 13, 1623.——The style and spirit of religion and devotion, whereby as a Christian he offers up this gift, is so exemplary that the reader I am persuaded, will excuse me, in here inserting it.

"Sir *Ralph Hare*, in all humility doth humbly offer this his gift

" hereafter mentioned unto our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, God and " man, and in him to his beloved disciple, St. *John*, with all humility " and penitency acknowledging and confessing himself a most un- " worthy being, a great and miserable sinner to offer this or whatsoever " else, unto his divine majesty, and withal acknowledging, confessing, " and saying, with the holy prophet *David*——*Domine, tua est* " *magnificentia et patientia et gloria, cuncta enim quæ in cælo sunt, et* " *in terrâ, tua sunt, tuum, Domine, regnum, et Tu es super omnes prin-* " *cipes, tuæ divitiæ, et tua est gloria, tu dominaris omnium.*——*Quis* " *ego nisi peccator turpis et miserrimus, ut hoc tibi promittere possum ;* " *tua sunt omnia et quæ de manu tua accepi. Do tibi cum omni humi-* " *litate in compunctione et contritione cordis mei. Oh ne me projicias a* " *facie tuâ Domine, Deus Abraham, Isaac et Israel, custodi in æter-* " *num hanc voluntatem cordis mei, et semper in venerationem tui mens* " *mea permaneat.*"

In the field of *Marham*, east of the vicar's house, is a little hill called *Chapel-hill*, and a clay pit, part of the glebe ; here a hermit had his station. This chapel was dedicated to St. *Guthlake*.[3] In the 20th of *Richard* II. a patent was granted for a chantry here, so that it is certain that chantries were allowed of in such chapels.

STEWARD'S PEDIGREE.

Nicholas Steward, Esq. of Upwell, Norfolk, — Cecilia, daughter and heiress of Baskervill.

Simon Steward, Esq. of Lakenheath, Suffolk, — Joan, daughter and coheir of Edward Bestney, of Soham in Cambridgeshire, Gent.

John Steward, Esq. of Marham, 4th son, — Ann, daughter and heir of Humphry Shouldham, Esq.

1, John Steward, Esq. — Daughter of Lucas of Essex. 2, Humphrey. 3, Francis.

THE ABBEY, OR NUNNERY OF MARHAM.

THE nunnery of *Marham* was founded by *Isabell*,[4] widow of *Hugh de Albany* Earl of *Arundel*, for Cistertian or White nuns, dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, St. *Barbara*, and St. *Edmund* the King and Confessor, by *Richard de la Wiche* Bishop of *Chichester*, on the 27th of *January*, in the year 1249, for the health of the souls of *William*, late Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, her father, and *Maud* her mother, daughter of *William Marshal* the elder, Earl of *Pembroke*, *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, her husband, and all her ancestors deceased, &c. and as the foundation deed is to be seen in *Dugdale's Monasticon*, beginning thus :— *Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis*, &c. I shall here omit it, and only observe that the witnesses to it (though *sans* date, according to that age,) were *Walter de Suthfield* Bishop of *Norwich*, *R. de Wiche* Bishop of *Chichester*, Master *Walter de London* Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, *Roger Bigot* Earl-Marshal of *England*, and Earl of *Norfolk*,

[3] P. 1. Anno. 20.

[4] Remenbrer. de Chantres et de Monumens, de Abbeys de Marham, p. 1.

Lord *Hugh Bigot*, and *John de Warren* Earl of *Surry*, her brother, Master *William de Shirewode*, Sir *Ralph Hauvil*, Sir *Alexander Arsyk*, Master *John de Ingaldesthorp*, &c. And on St. *Bartholomew's* day in the year of our Lord, 1252, this nunnery was incorporated into the abbey of *Waverley* in *Surry*, the principal, first, and mother-house of this order in *England*, by the abbots of *Waverley* and *Beaulieu* in *Hampshire*; this incorporation was, as I conceive, the reason that some authors assert this house to have been founded in the year 1252,[5] (" *Isabella Comitissa Arundel, morum quidem gravitate non mediocritèr* " *adornata circa salutem animæ suæ diligens et sollicita, diviná ut cre-* " *ditur inspiratione prævenitæ, abbatiam monialium ordinis cistercens.* " *Marham vocatam cum summa devotione hoc anno. viz.* 1252, *con-* " *struxit. Cujus rei causa abbatem nostrum (sc. de Waverley) duxit con-* " *sulendum, ac permissione Domini ipsius, domum nostram intravit,* " *societatem ordinis in capitulo nostro devotè petiit, et obtinuit, quatuor* " *marcas et unum dolium vini conventui ad pitancias donavit.*") And it appears from the Remembrancer of the said house of *Marham*, that *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich* granted license for this incorporation, on the 6th of *September*, 1251. " *Walterus, &c. . . . Universitati vre.* " *innatesiomus qd. votum. et concedim. tam pro nobis q. p. successor.* " *n'ris. qd. demi. monial. de Mark'm. qu'cq; voluit Isabella Com.* " *Arund. vel ej. successor. principali domui ord. Cisterc. incorpor.*" The foundress endowed this house with the manor and lands which her father had in this town, and which he gave her in frank marriage as by his deed appears.[6] " *Sciant p'sentes et futur. qd. ego Willi'us* " *Comes Warennie dedi et concessi et hâc p'senti cartâ meâ q. firmavi* " *Hugon de Aubeney, comiti de Arundel in lib'o maritagio cu. Ysabella* " *filiâ meâ quadraginta libratas tre. in villa de Marham in homagio et ser-* " *vitiis in p'tis in pascuis in pastur. in molendinis in messuagio de Marham* " *integ. ita quod retinui mi. una' portionem t'barie ad castru' meu' de* " *acra sustine'd. et q'cquid rema'serit ultra extensionem quadraginta li-* " *brar. mi et heredib; meis remaneat habend. et tenend. de me, et here-* " *dib; meis, illi et heredib; suis de p'd'ca Ysabella exeuntib; lib'e* " *quietè pacificè sine aliq. exactione, et ut h. mea donatio et concessiof'* " *ma sit et stabil. hoc sc'ptu'. sigilli mei apposit. o'e roboravi hiis testib;* " *Dno. Johe. Stutevill, Dno. Rado. de la Haye, Dno. Thom. filio Willi.* " *Dno. Johe. f're suo, Dno. Rog. f're suo, Dno. Alexandro Harsyk,* " *Dno. Rob. Crevequor, Dno. Hugon. de Playz, Dno. Rog. de Hales,* " *Dno. Ada de Caly, Dno. Johe. Lenveyse*, sans date." This gift of the foundress was confirmed by *John* Earl *Warren*, her brother, as appears also by his deed, *sans date*.[7] " *Om'ib; Xti fidelib; p'sens scp'tu'* " *visur. vel auditur. Johe de Warrenn. fil. Willi. qu'd. Com Warenn.* " *salute in Dno.—Nov'itis me inspexisse carta' qua' Isabella de Aubeny* " *soror mea Comitissa de Arundel fecit abbisse et conventui b'e Marie de* " *Marham in hec v'ba.——Universis sc'e matris, &c.*

" *Ego aute' in plena etate existens d'cam dona't'om et concessione' p.* " *me et heredib; meis rata' h'ns et g'tam. eam p'd'cis abbisse et covent.* " *et s' success. in p'petuu' concessi et confirmavi, qu' tam ego q' hered. mei* " *co't om'es homines warrantizabimb; in p'petuu' &c. Hiis testib; Dno.* " *Rico. Com. Cornubie, Dno. Rog. Bigod, Com. Norff. et marescall.*

[5] Weaver's Fun. Monts. p. 8. 64.
[6] Remenbrer. p. 18, et 63.
[7] Remenbrer. &c. p. 18.

" *Angl. Dno. Rico. Com. Gloucest. et Herteford, Dno. Willo. de Va-*
" *lenc. Dno. Warino de Mundchensi, Dno. Robo. de Tattesshale, Dno.*
" *Rogo. de Monte Alto, Dno. Rogo. de Turkeby, Dno. Willo Bardolf,*
" *Dno. Johe. Talebot, Dno. Rado. de Seynplaunteys. Dno. Rado. de*
" *Hauvill, Dno. Willo. Rusteyns, Dno. Alexo. Arsyk, Dno. Regino. de.*
" *Dunham, Dno. Hub'to Hakum, Dno. Symon, de Suldham, Philippo*
" *Talcurteys, Rado Valens. Willo. Litchare, Johe. de Rudham,* &c."
——The said foundress also, afterwards, purchased of Sir *Roger de Wymples* of *Thuringthon*, knight,[8] for 15 marks of silver, 22 shillings yearly rent, with the homages, reliefs, escheats, &c. from *William de Bekeswell*, for lands and tenements which *William* held of him in *Marham*, paying to the said *Roger* and his heirs one pair of gloves, of the price of one penny, on the nativity of our Lord, yearly, and to the prior of *Cokesford* for the time being, 7*s.* yearly; and gave it by deed to the said house. Witnesses, Sir *William Rusteyng*, Sir *William Belet*, Sir *Ralph de Wyrham*, *Hugh de Suldham*, *Alan de Suldham*, *Roger de Toftes*, *Geffrey de Say*, *Ralph de Wells*, &c. She also by deed gave them the messuage, land, and the whole tenement which *Thomas de le Wro*, chaplain, once held of her in *Marham*, with all the rents, services, homages, &c. which *Ryngolf*, son of *Walter* and his heirs; also all the rents, services, homages, &c. which *William Bond* of *Narburgh* used to pay and perform to *Walter de Wyndysouere*, wherewith the said *Walter* had enfeoffed her. Also all that tenement in *Marham*, and all the land, meadows, &c. in *Suldham*, which she had of *Ralph de Waleys*.[9]

King *Henry* III. confirms the foundation deed and grants of the foundress, on *Sep.* the 3d, in the 36th year of his reign. Witnesses, *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Geffrey de Lozingham*, our brother, *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, *Hugh de Ver* Earl of *Oxon*, Mr. *William Kilkenny*, archdeacon of *Coventry*, *Bertin de Crioll*, *Nicholas de Sco. Mauro*, *Eubel. de Montibus*, *William de Chaeny*, *Robert de Noreys*.

Walter Bishop of *Norwich*, with the consent of the prior and convent of *Westacre*, and *Nicholas*, vicar of the churches of the Holy *Trinity*, and St. *Andrew* in *Marham* grants to this house free sepulture in their own church or chapel by their own priests, and a power to say mass there, and perform divine services, on condition that none of the parishioners of the said churches, be admitted to any holy sacrament, or there buried; and if any stranger should desire to be there buried, a salvo is made for the right of the said churches, dated the 9th of *September*, 1251;[1] this was again ratified in 1294 between the prior and convent of *Westacre*, and *John*, vicar of the said churches, and the abbess and convent; and it appears that the prior and convent had (on this account) granted to them by the abbess and convent a portion of tithe here, viz. the tithe of 17 acres and 2 roods, belonging to the said abbess, &c. and the said *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, with the will and consent of the foundress and patron, granted the said house to their proper use, all the great and small tithe belonging to her demean lands and lordship of *Marham*, which the secular clergy used to receive of the gift of the lords of the manor.

—" *Walter. D'i gra' Norwyc' ep's om'ib; Xti fidelib; p'sentes li'ta*

[8] Remenbrer. p. 22, et p. 20
[9] Remenb. p. 21. p. 19.
[1] Remenb. p. 1, 20.

" *visur. v'l auditu. &c. Universitat. v're tenor. p' sentiu' innotescat qd.* " *nos de voluntate concessim' et assig'm' dil'cis in Xto filiab; abb'e et* " *monial' de Marham n're dyoc. in pp'os us' om'es decimas majores et* " *minores de d'nico et de cur. man. de Marham p'venient. qs. cl'ici* " *secular' ex do' ati'e dnor. man. de M. hac ten. p'cipe consu' erunt vo-* " *lentes et concedentes qd. p'dce monial' d'cas decimas p'. pet'uis pt'pib;* " *p'cipia't et in us'p'os sublato cuj. lib' conditio'is obstaculo s'n dimi-* " *nut'o'e converta't, &c. Dat. 12 Kal. Jul. 1254. &c. Test. Rob. de Insula* " *archidiac. Colechest. Willo. de Whitewell, capello, Will de Wiching-* " *ham, Nich. de Surlingham, Hugh de Corbrig. Tho. de Walkote,* " *Egid. de Whitewell, capello. Willo. de Bungeya cler.*"—And *Roger* the prior, and the convent of *Norwich,* confirmed it 15 kal. of *June,* 1260.

Other Benefactors.

Walter de Fonte gave them a toft in *Marham ;* witnesses Sir *Symon de Suldham, Alan* his brother, *Geffrey de Marisco, Geffrey Oky, John Toke,* &c. and *William de Bekeswell* confirmed it.[2]

Jeffery de Fonte gives them a messuage and lands, and a tenement with all his goods, moveable and immoveable, which he had in he village of *Marham.*—Witnesses, Sir *Symon de Suldham,* Sir *William de Marham,* capellan ; confirmed by *Simon de Suldham.*

Thomas Burth gives to *Mary,* abbess of *Marham,* and the convent, one villain (*Thomas Ulketel*) in *Marham,* with all his family, tenements, and cattle, and all his rent, work, services, &c. also 8*d.* yearly rent in the said town.

Cecilia, formerly wife of *Hubert Hakun* of *Schuldham,* gives them 2 acres of land in *Schuldham,* paying to her and her heirs, 2*d. per ann.* Witnesses, *John Trussebut de Schuldham, Richard* his son, *Reiner de Schuldham,* &c.

William son of *Alan,* bastard of *Marham,* gave them an acre in *Marham,* and 2*d. ob.* yearly rent, which used to be paid for the same.

William de Bekeswell gave them his messuage in *Marham.*

Henry, son and heir of *Edmund Ringof* of *Marham,* gave them 15*d.* yearly rent, issuing out of 5 roods of lands in *Marham,* also 7*d. ob.* yearly rent in the said town.

Robert, son of *Peter,* son of *William de Marham,* 3*d.* yearly rent, which *Robert,* son of *John Clerk* of *Marham* used to pay his father for 7 roods of land.

John, the prior, and the convent of *Westacre,* released to them half a mark rent *per ann.* due from a watermill in *Marham,* given to the convent of *Westacre* by *Isabell* the foundress, when the said convent of *Westacre,* granted this house the privilege of having divine service in their church, and a right of sepulture, the said foundress paying to *John* the prior, and convent of *Westacre,* 7 marks sterling; dated 11 *July,* 1273.

The prior and convent of *Westacre,* rectors of the parish churches of *Marham,* and *John,* vicar, grants them a portion of great and small tithe in the said village.

[2] P. 17, 20, &c.

Isabell de Albany, the foundress, gave them also lands in *Kentford*, *Gaysle*, *Needham* and *Heringswell* in *Suffolk*.

Thomas de Chawmbre, *John de Rothings*, and *Stephen*, son of *John de Ressebrook*, gave them lands in the said towns, and many persons are named.

In the 17th of *Edward* II. *John de Ward* held of *Sarah*, lady abbess of *Marham*, in *Kentford*, 20 acres of land and 5 of meadow; and in *Needham* 8 acres of land, and paid 2*s*. *per ann.* for the last, and 18*s*. and 4*d*. *per ann.* for that in *Kentford*.

In *Heringswell* the abbess had a messuage and all the land which the foundress bought of *Roger Ulketyl* of *Attylburgh*, with liberty of a foldage, common of pasture, homages, wards, reliefs, escheats, &c. also lands bought by the said foundress in *Kentford*, *Gaysle* and *Needham*, of the said *Roger Ulketyl*, all which was confirmed by deed of *John* Earl *Warren*, in memory (as it is said) of his most dear sister *Isabell de Albany*, dated in the 7th of *Edward* I.

Stephen, son of *Wymer de Brandon*, remits to the foundress 6*s*. yearly rent from 6 solidates of land bought by her of *Roger Ulketyl*, belonging to his fee in *Heringswell*.

Herbert de Besthorp gives to God and the church of St. *Mary*, and St. *Edmund* of *Marham*, for his own soul and that of *Lucy* his wife, &c. all his land with the appertenances in *Besthorp*, *Norfolk*, homages and services of his tenants, paying to him and his heirs, 22*d*. *ob*. *per ann.* for all services, &c. witnesses, Sir *Baldwin de Melles*, Sir *Thomas de Bavent*, *Simon de Yxninge*, *William de Plessiz*, &c.

Thomas de Dunham, gives to *Mary*, abbess, &c. of *Marham*, for their homage and service, and an 100 marks paid him, two messuages, one acre of meadow, and 24 acres of arable land in *Wymondham*, *Norfolk*. Witnesses, Sir *Robert de Morley*, Sir *Andrew de Hengham*, Sir *William de Brom*, Sir *John de Gurnay*, Sir *Hubert Hakon*, *Richard* his son, *John de Gelham*, *Nicholas de Karlton*.

Richard Blak of *Carlton Forhowe*, gives them one messuage, 5 acres and 3 roods of arable land there, and *Roger*, prior of *Wymondham* confirmed the same, and *Ralph Crowe*, gave land here to the foundress, which she gave to this house.

Robert de la Vel gives them a messuage with the appertenances in *Stow Bedon*, *Norfolk*. Witnesses, Sir *William Mortimer*, Sir *Gyd. Buttetourte*, Sir *Jeffrey Bindale*, *William Howard*, &c.

William Tyngtor of *Newbreg*, in *Norwich*, and *Muriel* his wife, paid them a mark *per ann.* for lands and tenements held there by him, and given by the foundress.

In the 18th of *Richard* II. the convent had a patent for 50 acres of land in *Waynflet*.

Churches appropriated to this House.

Carlton Forhowe, alias *Carlton* St. *Peter's* in *Norfolk*.[3]—The advowson of this church, and one acre of land, was given to them by the foundress, which she purchased of *Richard de Dunham*. Witnesses, Sir *William Agillon*, *Ralph de de Ferneaux*, *Hamelin de Warren*, &c. and *Roger de Skerning* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it, and settled

[3] Remembrer. p. 30. 35. 27.

a vicar, whom the Bishops of *Norwich* were to nominate, and this convent present, dated at *Teford* the 4th of the nones of *July*, 1274. *Richard de Dunham* had for this advowson, and an acre of land, (on the north side of the churchyard,) 30 marks of the foundress, and she and her heirs were also to pay a pair of white gloves of the price of one penny, or one penny *per ann.* for all services. Witnesses, Sir *William Rusteyng*, Sir *William Malerb*, Sir *Henry Noble*, Sir *Peter de Bokenham*, Sir *Thomas de Gelham*, Mr. *William de Russebroc*, &c. This church was valued at 8 marks *per ann.*

Stowe Bedon, in *Norfolk*.[4]—King *Edward* I. gave them for the health of his own soul, and that of his late consort, *Alianor* Queen of *England*, half an acre in *Wyveton*, and the advowson of this church, dated at *Westminster*, *February* 6, in the 20th year of his reign; a fine for this half acre and advowson was levied between *Alianor* Queen of *England*, querent, and *Jeffrey de Suthorp*, impedent, before *Thomas de Weylaund*, *John de Lovetot*, *William de Brumton*, *Roger de Leycester*, and *Elias de Beckingham*, the King's justices, in the 10th of *Edward* I. *Ralph Walpole* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it, and settled a vicar, whom the abbess, &c. was to present;—dated at *Geywod*, 14 of *March*, 1295. This church was valued at 16 marks *per ann.*

Didlington in *Norfolk*.[5]—*John* Earl *Warren*, &c. for the benefit of his own soul, &c. gave them the advowson of this church.—Dated at *Kenington*, 11th of *July*, in the 30th of *Edward* I. Witnesses, *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Henry de Percy* Earl of *Northumberland*, Lord *William Latimer* Lord *Marmaduke Tweng*, Sir *Richard de Waunsingham*, Sir *John de Wantone*, &c. and *John Salmon* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated the same, on the resignation of *Oliver de Wisset*, the last rector, when a vicar was settled, whom the Bishops of *Norwich* were to nominate, and the convent to present;—dated at *Terling*, 20 *December*, 1302. This church was valued at 20 marks *per ann.*

Hackford in *Norfolk*.[6]—Sir *Andrew de Hengham* gave them 3 acres of his demesne lands in *Hackford*, with the advowson of the church of *Hackford*, St. *Mary*. Witnesses, Sir *Robert de Marle*, Sir *William de Brom*, *Alexander de Elingham*, *Ralph Malerbe*, *John de Rokeland*, &c. *Mary*, the abbess, and the convent, oblige themselves to find a chaplain at their own cost (from the time of its appropriation) to pray for the soul of the said *Andrew*, &c. This church was appropriated to them in the year 1329, by *William Ayrmine* Bishop of *Norwich*; and was valued at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*[7]

Rockland St. *Peter's*.[8]—Sir *Robert de Benhale*, *Adam de Blofield*, and *Robert*, vicar of *Didlington*, purchased of Sir *John de Caston* the advowson of this church, which was confirmed to them by Sir *Constantine Mortymer*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. and appropriated by *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1349.

In the 12th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied by *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, by which he settled the advowson or patronage of this house (which came to his family on the death of the foundress, *sans issue*) on *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster*; and in 1347 the said Earl, *John* died seized of the patronage, leaving *Alice* his sister and heir, married to *Edmund Fitz-Allen* Earl of *Arundel*, but the patronage

[4] Remenb. p. 31.
[5] Remenb. p. 52.
[6] Remenb. p. 68.
[7] Lib. Instit. Norwic. fol. 86.
[8] Remenb. p. 11.

came to the house of *Lancaster*, by the aforesaid fine, and in the 34th of *Edward* III. it was settled by *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster*, on *Maud* his daughter, and coheir, married to *William* Earl of *Heinalt;* and in the 40th of that King, his other daughter and coheir, *Blanch*, and her husband, *John* Duke of *Lancaster*, were possessed of it.[9]

Many of the Kings of *England* confirmed the grants and privileges of this house; as did King *Richard* II. in his 9th year; and in the 20th of that King, they had a patent for founding a chantry in the hermitage of St. *Guthlac* in *Marham*, and in the 18th year of the said King, a patent for 50 acres of land at *Waynfleet* in *Lincolnshire*.[1]

The abbess had the privilege of proving the wills of those that died within the precinct or jurisdiction of this house, granted to this order by the popes.[2] In 1401, a contest arose about this privilege, and it was allowed them by the Bishop of *Norwich; Joan Narburgh*, then lady abbess, and *Margery Harsyke* prioress; the abbess and convent received from the year 1401 to the year 1453, several mortuaries due from lay persons, &c. who died in their convent, and were probably there buried.

For *William Wulstan's* mortuary, a gown of a blood colour.—For *Margaret* his wife's mortuary, a gown, &c.—For Sir *Ralph Hersent's*, a gown of a violet colour.—For *Isabella Coupere's*, ... of cloth and gold.—For *Walter Chapman's*, his best gown.—For *Alot's* (his wife) an armiclausa.—For *John Dolman's*, his best gown of russet colour.—For *Muriel*, his wife's, her best tunick of russet colour.—For *Cecil Narburgh's*, (who lived in the precincts of the abbey, and being there taken ill, died soon after at *Narburgh*,) a gown of blood colour furr'd with menyver.—For *Matild de Murham's*, a mantle furr'd with white.—For the Lady *Alianore*, late relict of Sir *William Ingoldesthorpe*, a mantle furr'd with gray.—For *Beatrix Ryselegh's*, a gown.—For *Kath. Breckley's*, a gown furr'd.—For Sir *John Champeney*, priest, who had a chamber in the precinct of the said abbey, and died in the priory of *Blackburgh*, a book called *Chochont*, sold for 8 marks to *Thomas Schuldham*, Esq.—For Mr. *Thomas Rynstede's*, a sorrel horse.—For *Joan Pytiy's*, a gown.

About this time the temporalities of this house in the archdeaconries of *Norwich* and *Norfolk* amounted to 27*l.* 9*s.* 7*d. ob. q.* and the spiritualities are thus valued: *Carlton Fourhow*, 8 marks; *Stow Bidon*, 16 marks; *Dodelyngton* 20 marks; the portion of *Ralph de Waleys* in *Marham*, 8*d.* Total, 57*l.* &c.[3]

The abbess of *Marham* has the tithe of the domain belonging to her lordship of *Marham*, valued at 10 marks.—*Norwich Domesday.*

ABBESSES.

Mary, occurs about 1251, and in the 5th of *Edward* I.;[4] she was probably the first abbess.—*Sarah* occurs in the 17th of *Edward* II and in 1316.[4]—*Agatha Howard* occurs in the 16th of *Edward* III. and in 39 of the said King; she is called late abbess.[5]—*Mary de*

[9] Fin. Norff. 12 Ed. 2 L. 4. N. 90. Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 82.—Fin. Div. Com. Ed. 3. L. 5. N. 75. L. 6. N. 40.

[1] 9 Rd. II. pt. i. M. 20.—18 Rd. II. pt. 2. M. 4.—20 Rd. II. p. 1. M. 15.

[2] Remenb. p. 4. p. 8.

[3] Remenb. 45.

[4] Remenbrer, &c. p. 20, 68, et 96.

[5] Rentale Abb. de Marham Mss.

Ingham; she was admitted and confirmed 7 *July*, 1363, and then received the Bishop's (of *Norwich*) benediction.[6]—*Egidia Howard* occurs in the 3d of *Richard* II.[7]—*Elianor Weyland* occurs in 1384, and kept her first court here in the 14th of *Richard* II. and occurs also in 6 of *Henry* V.[8]—*Margery*[7] occurs abbess in 5 and 6 of *Henry* VI.—*Joan Narburgh* occurs in 1453, and in 1467.[8]—*Joan Heigham* occurs in 1486, and in the 3d of *Henry* VII. and in *July* 1501, when she presented to *Rockland.*[8] In the 8th year of King *Henry* VII. I find the following account of the profits and disbursments of the abbey for one year past, under this abbess:

Received,

In average—13*s.* and 4*d.* Rent of assise for the abbey manor 12*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* Assise for the manor of *Denham's* 1*l.* 3*s.* and from *Besthorp* 3*s.* For the farm of the rectory of *Dydlington*, 53*s.* and 4*d.*—For that of *Hackford*, nothing, it being this year in the hands of the vicar by way of augmentation.—For that of *Stow Bedon* 53*s.* and 4*d.* and 13*s.* and 4*d.* pension out of *Rockland*, and nothing from the rectory, it being in the hands of the vicar this year by way of augmentation.—For lands in *Wymondham, Carlton Fourhow*, and *Kimberley*, 40*s.*—For lands in *Kentford, Needham* and *Gasely*, 26*s.* and 8*d.*—For lands in *Heringswell*, 16*s.*—For lands in *Shouldham*, 10*s.* and 2*d.*—For corn sold this year, 11*l.* 9*s.* and 11*d.*; wool sold, 1*l.* 6*s.* and 8*d.*—For the hides and skins of cattle, 9*s.* out of which was 8*s.* for 12 ox hides.—Agistment of sheep, 28*s.* and cows 22*d.*—Received of *Thomas Sefoul* for the board of his two daughters for one year, 40*s.* and of *Leonard Cotton* for his board, 26*s.*—For the watermill, nothing.

Total received this year, 46*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

Part of the account of *Nicholas Houghton* their bailiff, or steward of their grange, stands thus for the said year.

Wheat 53 quarters and 5 bushels.—Meslin, 58 quarters and 6 bushels.—Rye 19 quarters and 6 bushels.—Oats 12 quarters and 4 bushels.—Malt 78 quarters and 2 bushels.—The rest relates to the cattle, sheep, &c.

The disbursments of the said year stand thus: To the prior of *Coxford, per ann.* 7*s.*—To the manor of *Old-Hall*, 2*d.*—To *John Shouldham*, 18*d.*—To the prior of *Castleacre*, 2*d.*—Expenses in carts and ploughs, &c. 31*s.* and 2*d.*—In beef, mutton, veal, pork, salt-fish and herring, 12*l.* 5*s.*—In threshing and dressing the corn of the abbey, 24*s.* and 9*d.*—In repairs of the abbey, &c. 35*s.* and 8*d.*—In repairs of the churches, 42*s.* and 6*d.*—In the watermill, 13*s.* and 5*d.*—In the foldage, 3*s.* and 10*d.*—In foreign charges and expenses, 35*s.* and 8*d.*—In the ditches and fences, 4*s.* and 10*d.*——Charges in harvest, &c. 49*s.* and 3*d.*—In wages, fees and stipends, 12*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*—For the rent of a toft, 3*s.* 9*d.*—The whole disbursments amounted to 69*l.* 19*s.* 5*d. ob.*—After this is adjoined the sum of 16*s.* and 8*d.* for 20*d.* apiece given to the nuns, and 6*d.* given to 13 poor people.

Barbara Mason occurs in 1511, and in the 25th of *Henry* VIII. and was the last abbess. Amongst the evidences of the Honourable Sir *Thomas Hare*, Baronet, is the seal of this house, affixed to some

Membran. penes Dom. Tho. Hare, Bart. p. 29.

[6] Lib. Instit. Norw. hoc anno.

[7] Ancient Court Rolls of the Manor of Marham, pen. Dom. Tho. Hare.

[8] Remenbrer, &c. p. 8, et p. 50.—Ancient Rolls. pen. Dom. T. Hare.

deeds and grants, and one to a deed of this abbess: the seal is oblong, the impress is the figure of a lady abbess in her proper habit,[9] standing in an antique arch curiously wrought, and holding in her dexter hand a crosier staff, and in her sinister hand before her breast, something resembling an open book, and on each side of the arch is a shield,—checque, *or* and *azure*, the paternal arms of the foundress, being the arms of the *Warrens* Earls of *Surrey*, &c. and under these shields a lily: the upper part of the seal is broke, at the head of the abbess, as is the greater part of the legend beginning—*Sigillum Abbat.*

This order of the Cistertian nuns had many large privileges from the Pope, probate of wills within their precincts, exemption from paying of tithes, and procurations, and the liberty of bearing the crosier in processions.[1]

The lady sacrist of this house had 11 acres and 3 roods of land in *Marham* annexed to her office, and the lady hostillar, 7 acres 3 roods and an half.[2]

This house was dissolved in the 27th of *Henry* VIII. and stands thus differently valued; by *Dugdale*, at 33*l.* 13*s.* and 5*d. ob. q.*[3] *Stephens*, in his Addition to the Monasticon, says that the abbey of *Marham*, St. *Barbara*, was valued at 42*l.* 4*s.* and 7*d.* ¾, the clear value, 33*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* ¾.[4] and *Speed* has the same; but *Weaver* says, at 13*l.* 6*s.* 1*d. ob.*[5]—It was certainly a religious house very meanly endowed, and on that account they were often pardoned and excused from the payment of their tenths, and particularly by King *Edward* I. in the 10th year of his reign.[6]

On the Dissolution the religious had these enormous crimes laid to their charge:

Barbara Mason peperit semel, et fatetur se cognitam a priore de Pentney.

Elizab. Lightfoot semel peperit ex conjugato.

Elizab. Plumer peperit semel ex conjugato.

Dorothea Lovel peperit semel ex conjugato.

Joanna Manne peperit duas proles ex solutis.[7]

The site of this abbey, with the nuns church or chapel, bell-tower, and the appertenances, with the manor of *Marham*, (as has been observed,) was given by King *Henry* VIII. on the 3d of *July*, in the 38th year of his reign, to Sir *Nicholas Hare*, and *John Hare*, citizen of *London*, in whose family it still remains. This nunnery stood a little westward of the present church of *Marham*, (the common way or road only being between them,) in a large pasture close, enclosed with walls of clunch or chalk stone, dug out of some neighbouring pits: in the said close is a farm-house with large barns, &c. which seem, by the materials, to be built out of the ruins of the said abbey. The most observable building now remaining, is a very lofty wall of clunch stone, running east and west, in length about 73 feet; this was the south wall of the church or chapel of the said abbey; near the summit of this wall were 4 oval windows, (as represented in *Plate* I. *Fig.* 15.) two of which are still entire: the whole length of this chapel was

[9] Quære if not St. Barbara?
[1] Remenbrer. &c. p. 3 et 4.
[2] Rentale, p. 29.
[3] Dugd. Monast.
[4] Steph. Add. vol. i. p. 29.
[5] Fun. Monts. p. 8. 64.
[6] Remenb. p. 37.
[7] Compend. Compertorium, pen. Pet. Le Neve, Armig. Norroy.

about 99 feet, the breadth, about 30, as appears from the foundation walls, and the space between them; the reason that the walls were so high, and of this form on this wall, was because the cloister here joined to it, which, with the area in the centre, was a square of 99 feet, as appears from the ruins and foundation stones; and from the projection of the stone work of the said chapel wall, which supported the timber, roof, &c. on this north side of the cloister. No doubt in the north wall of this chapel, the windows were large and lofty, but there are no remains of that, save the foundation. Near the west end of this wall is a little building of stone, &c. in which are two or three arches, (supported by pillars of free stone,) now worked up, and which are now used to lay turf and other firing in: and over this is a dove-house, probably part of some old cloister leading to the church, or the charnel-house.

WEST RISTON.

THE church of *Riston* is dedicated to St. *Michael*, and stands in a field by itself about a quarter of a mile from *Riston-Hall*; it is built of ragg, or carr stone, and is a single pile about 33 feet in length, and 22 in breadth. At the west end of the nave, stands part of a little four-square tower, with the quoins of free stone; the upper part of the tower lies open and is broke down to the roof of the church. The chancel is divided from the body by a screen, and is in length about 30 feet, and in breadth about 27; this chancel has a roof like the nave, camerated, plaistered and covered with tile. On the pavement lies a marble stone, with the arms of *Pratt*, *argent*, on a chevron between three pellets, two in chief, charged each with a martlet, and one in base, with a trefoil *argent*, three mascles, *or*, impaling, *gules*, three crescents, *or*,[8] *Monins*, and thus inscribed:

Here lieth the body of Sir Roger Pratt, lord of this manor of Riston, who married Ann, one of the daughters and coheiresses of Sir Edmund Monins of Waldershire in Kent, Kt. and Bart. he dyed the 20th of Febr. A. D. 1684.

Untill the resurrection of the just.
My bones untouch'd will rest, I trust.

Against the north wall is an altar monument of stone and alabaster on which lies the statue of a lady, at her full length in a cumbent posture, supporting her head with her right hand, which rests on a cushion all carved out of alabaster: the body of the monument is ornamented with flowers, fruit, &c. and thereon this epitaph:

Here lys the body of the Lady Pratt, whose first husband was Sir

[8] The crest of Pratt is a wolf's head couped, per pale, argent and a sable, and a collar with three plates counterchanged.

Roger Pratt of this place, her second husband was Sigismund Trafford of Dunton-Hall in Tydd St. Maries, in the county of Lincoln, Esq. who caused this monument to be erected to her memory: she died the 12th day of September, 1706, in the 63d year of her age.

And against the wall is a shield of marble, *argent*, a griffin, segreant, *gules*. *Trafford*, impaling *Monins*; the whole is enclosed with iron rails.

Jeffrey, rector of *Riston*, is mentioned in a deed, *sans* date, of *Roger de Barshale*, wherein he gives to the abbey of *West Derham*, a tenement, on the request, &c. of the said *Jeffrey*.

In *Norwich Domesday book*, wrote about the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* I. *Robert de Benhale* was patron, and the rector had a house with 30 acres of glebe land, valued at 12 marks, soon after it was appropriateed to the priory of *Norwich*; *Anthony* Bishop of *Norwich*, *October* 24, 1342, appropriated it for the repairs of the church of *Norwich*, reserving a pension of 6*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*.[9] and the prior paying 6 marks *per ann*. for a curate to serve it. *Peter*-pence 15*d*.

1307, *Matthew de Santone*, presented by Sir *Hervey de Stanton*.

1337, *Thomas Wychard* of *Halvergat*, by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.

1342, *Bartholomew de Wroxham* . . . by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.

In the year 1428, the spiritualities of the prior, &c. of *Norwich*, for this church, were valued at 12 marks, and are said to belong to the cellarer of the church of *Norwich*.

On the dissolution of the priory and convent of *Norwich*, it was granted in the 1st of *Edward* VI. to the dean and chapter of that church, who are the present impropriators, and lease out the tithes of this, and *Roxham*, an hamlet adjoining, belonging to the lord of this manor.

In 1603, Mr. *Robert Gunson* was curate of *Riston cum Roxham*, and in his answers to the King, observes that there were then 53 communicants.

WEST RISTON MANOR.

Hermerus de Ferrariis held the chief part of this town. One carucate possessed by *Ketel*, a freeman in *Edward* the Confessor's time. To this manor there belonged 7 villains, one border, two servi, with one carucate in domain, half a one amongst the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, half a fishery, &c. valued at 20*s*. Seven socmen also held 21 acres of land, 3 of meadow, with a carucate valued at 5*s*. The whole is 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and pays 4*d*. to a 20*s*. gelt.[1]

[9] Lib. Instit. Norwic.

[1] Terr. Hermeri de Ferrariis—In Ristuna ten. Herm'. 1. car. tre. quam tenuit Ketel, 1. lib. ho. T. R. E. semp. et villi. et 1. bord. et 11. serv. et 1. car. in dom'no. tc. dim. car. hom. et mo. et viii. acr. p'ti. dim. piscar. semp. 1. runc. tc. v. vacc. mo. iiii. tc. v. porc. mo. xix. et cviii. oves, tc. val. xx. sol. pt. et mo. xx. In ead. vii. soc'. de xxi. acr. tre. et iii. acr. p'ti. semp. 1. car. et val. v. Tot. ht. iiii. qr. in long. et iii. in lato, et redd. iiii. de gelto, de xx. sol.

Invas. Hermeri—In Ristune 3 lib. comen'd, tant. de lxxxx. acr. val. v. *s*.

The said *Hermerus* had also seized on 3 free men who held 90 acres, who were before under protection only, valued at 5*s*.

This lordship descended from *Hermerus* to the Lords *Bardolfs*, as may be seen in *Wirmegey*, and was held under them by the family of *Stradeset*;[2] Sir *Roger de Stradeset*, was lord, when an aid was granted to King *Henry* III. on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor; several parts of this manor were held under the *Stradesets*, by several persons. In the 14th of *Edward* I. *John*, son of *Henry de Deen*, and *Maud* his wife, conveyed to *Robert de Benhale* a messuage, with lands valued at 60*s*. *per ann.* and the moiety of the church of *Fordham* with the advowson of this church. After this *Hervey de Stanton* or *Santon*, (probably the founder of St. *Michael's* house in *Cambridge*,) conveyed the same to *John de L'Isle* of *Tofts*, and *Mary* his wife, in the 8th of *Edward* II. (the advowson of this church) *Fordham* church being excepted by *Hervey* for his life.

In the 10th of *Edward* III. license was granted to *John de L'Isle* to give the advowson of this church and the moiety of the advowson of *Fordham*, to the prior and convent of *Norwich*, to find a chaplain in the said church, to pray daily for the souls of the said *John*, and *Mary* his wife, *Robert de Ufford*, and *Thomas Roscelyne*, &c. Dated 3d *April*, at the Tower of *London*, and on *Thursday* in *Easter*-week, in the next year of the said King, Sir *Robert de Benhale*, Knight, quitted all his right and claim therein to the prior, &c. Witnesses, Sir *Peter Attetye*, Sir *Edward de Cretyng*, *John de la Rokele*, *John de Berneye*, *William de Felmyngham*, &c.

In the 33d of *Edward* III. *Henry de Wetyng*, capellane, and *Stephen Talbot* of *Fincham*, gave to the abbey of *West Derham*, a messuage and lands, here, held of *John Hawkyn*, by the payment of a shilling every 24 weeks, and the said *John* held it by the knight's service of the Lords *Bardolf*, having married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir to the *Stradesets*.

After this, *Adam Martyns*, and *John Mares* had an interest herein; *William Dalling*, in the 21st of *Henry* VI. gave it to *William Yelverton*, serjeant at law, Sir *John Clifton*, Knight, *Henry Grey*, Esq. *Osbert Mundeford*, &c. in trust, to be settled on *William Gylour* and *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Dalling*, intail, with lands in *Fordham*, *Roxham*, &c. *Walter Gylour* was lord in the reign of *Henry* VII. and by a daughter of *Gylour* it came to the *Prats*; *William Prat* was lord, and by his will, dated *December* 4, 1557, desires to be buried in the church of St. *Edmund* of *Downham* Market.

The *Pratts* derive from *Robert Prat*, whose son *Edmund* was lord of the manor of *Cartes* in *Hockwold*, and died in the 34th of *Henry* VIII.; this *Edmund* married the heiress of *Walter Gylour*, and *John* was his son and heir.

William Prat, son of *John*, by his will dated as above in 1557, gives this lordship, with lands, tenements, &c. in *Roxham*, *Hilgey*, *Fordham*, *Denver*, *Downham*, *Derham* and *Bexwell*, to *Gregory Pratt* of *Hockwold*, and his heirs male;[3] this *Gregory* was nephew to *William*, (who died *s. p.*) and son of his brother *Edward Pratt*, by *Catherine*, daughter

[2] Reginald de Warren, lord of Wirmegay, in the reign of King Stephen, gave the tithes of his manor of Barsale in this town, to Carhow priory by Norwich. See in Wirmegey and Stow.

[3] Regist. Hastings, Norw. p. 60.

of . . . *Tassell; Gregory* and *Richard Prat,* executors, and *Edmund Beaupre,* Esq. supervisor.

Gregory was lord in 1573, and married *Ann,* daughter and coheir of *William Cocket,* Esq. of *Besthorp* in *Norfolk,* by whom he had two sons, *Gregory* and *Francis.*

This *Gregory* married *Theodosia,* daughter of . . . . *Tyrell,* and relict of *Edmund West,* of *Marchworth* in *Bucks;* and she was buried there in *Janunry,* 1629. Sir *Roger Pratt,* their son, died lord in 1684, *s. p.*

So that we must return to *Edward Pratt,* 2d son of *Edward,* (brother to *Gregory,*) by *Catherine Tassell;* this *Edward* was of *Hockwold,* and married *Dorothy,* daughter of *William Cobb,* Esq. of *Sandringham,* and father of *Edward Pratt* of *Honningham* in *Suffolk,* who by *Ursula* his wife, daughter of *Rossington* of *Framingham* in *Suffolk,* was father of *Edward Pratt,* Gent. of *Yoxford* in *Suffolk,* by *Emma,* his wife, daughter of . . . . *Tiffin* of *Crimplesham,* widow of ———*Bexwell;* he had *Edward Pratt* of *Woodbridge* in *Suffolk,* who married *Mary,* daughter of *Anthony Applethwait* of *Ipswich,* and was heir, as I take it, to Sir *Roger Prat.* By *Mary* he had a son and heir, *Roger Pratt,* Esq. now lord of *Riston,* who by *Henrietta,* daughter of Sir *Robert Davers,* Bart. of *Rushbrook* in *Suffolk,* has two sons, *Edward* and *Jermyn; Edward,* the eldest, is married to ———, daughter of Sir *Jacob Astley,* Bart.

It is to be observed, that *Francis Pratt,* second son of *Gregory,* by his wife, daughter of *Cocket,* married first, *Temperance,* daughter of ——— *Mundeford* of *Feltwell,* and died *s. p.* his second wife, *Ursula,* daughter of *Anthony Gosnold* of *Ottley,* in *Suffolk,* had by him *Edward Pratt,* Esq. who died *s. p.* in 1664, also *Gregory,* who died *s. p.*

I have seen a *Prat,* quartering, *sable,* three cups *argent, Butler*— and *Cobb* of *Sandringham*; also *Pratt,* impaling *Cocket,* and in *Riston Hall.*—*Pratt* and *Gylours* quarterly.

WALPOLE-HALL.

Ralph, son of *Reginald,* and *Roger de Barsale,* gave a messuage and lands, here, *sans* date, to *Derham* abbey. *Thomas de Barsale* held here a messuage, one carucate of land, 12 acres of meadow, of *Nicholas de Stradsale* about the reign of *Edward* I. by the service of the fourth part of a fee; and *Nicholas,* of the Lord *Bardolf.* In the 16th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Simon de Walpool,* querent, *William de Walpool,* parson of *Cheveley* in *Suffolk,* and *William de Norwold,* chaplain, deforcients, of messuages, lands, &c. settled on *Simon.* From this family this lordship took its name. *John Walsheff* possessed it in the reign of *Henry* VII. In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth,* it was in the *Prats,* united to *Riston* manor.

At the survey, the abbot of *Ely* was found to have seized on three freemen who held 6 acres here, valued at 16*d. per ann.* under protection only;[4] the abbot of *Ramsey* had the soc.

[4] Invas. Abbat de Ely—In Ristuna non hab. nisi com'dat. et Sc'us Bened. iii'. lib. ho'es vi. acr. val. xvi*d.* in his soca.

This was held in the time of *Edward* I. by the family of *Beckswell*, and continued so, till united to *Ryston* manor.

John Eyre, Esq. had a grant of a messuage here, late belonging to *West-Derham* abbey, on *September* 12, *anno* 36 *Henry* VIII.

The temporalities of *West-Derham* abbey were assessed here, in 1428, at 3*s.* 6*d. per ann.* The spiritualities of the prioress of *Carhow* at 10*s.* and the priory of *Norwich*, in 1428, held the church of *Riston*, valued at 12 marks.

The lete was in Sir *Jeffrey Hare*; fee 6*d.*

Riston is a depopulated village.—*Ris* gives names to many towns; *Risby* in *Suffolk*, and *Yorkshire*; *Risborough* in *Bucks*; *Rissington* in *Gloucestershire*; and *Risbridge* hundred in *Suffolk*.

ROXHAM.

A LITTLE village or hamlet, now consisting of two or three farm-houses, was held partly (at the survey) by *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*, and *Hermerus de Ferrariis*. *Rainald* seized on a freeman who held 9 acres of land, and was under protection only, valued at 8*s.* and 1*d.*;[5] this was held by the *Derhams* with other lands as part of his manor in *Derham*, which the said family held also of the Earls of *Clare*, who inherited the possessions of the aforesaid *Ivo*. In the said family it continued many years: *Robert Derham* had livery of the manor of *Roxham* in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, and *Thomas Derham* was lord in the 21st of *James* I.; after this it came to the *Prats* of *Riston*, where it now remains.

WALPOLE-HALL.

The Lords *Bardolf* held also lands in this place *in capite*; *William*, son of *Hermerus de Bexwell*, gave by deed, *sans* date, to *Henry*, son of *Joceline de Walpool*, all his right in lands with a fishery of the *Creek's* end; this was possessed by *Simon de Walpole*, in the reign of *Edward* II. and was part of the manor of *Walpole*, in *Riston*, which extended into this township; *William Barsale* had also some part or share of it, as had *John de Wesenham* in the 15th of *Richard* II. who conveyed then to *John de Fincham* the fishery of *Redebeach* here, &c. *John Walsheff*, or *Waltershefe*, was lord in the reign of *Henry* VII. About the reign of *James* the First, Sir *Thomas Lovell* and *Edmund Skipwith* had a right herein; soon after it came to the *Pratts*, the present possessor being *Roger Pratt*, Esq.

The abbot of *West-Derham* had messuages and lands here, in the

[5] Invas. Rainaldi fil. Ivonis.—In Ro- chesham, i. lib. ho. comend. tant. 9. acr. val. 8*s.* 1*d.*

tenure of *William Carter*, given *September* 12, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to *John Eyre*, Esq. and in the 6th of *Elizabeth*, concealed lands with tithes here, and in *Barsale*, were granted to *Edward Dyer* and *H. Cressener*, *April* 10.[6]

Lands also belonging to *Pentney* abbey, were granted *September* 6, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, to *Francis Chaloner* and *William Butler*.

The lete of this town, joined with that of *West-Derham*, was in Sir *George Hare*.—Fee 2*s*. 8*d*.

It is probable here was formerly a church or chapel; *Riston* cum *Roxham* rectories being mentioned as part of the revenues of the see of *Norwich*.

SOUTH-RUNGTON.

THIS village is sometimes called *Rungton-Holme*, and *South-Rungton*: it was given to the abbot and convent of *Bury* St. *Edmund's*, by *Alfrick* Bishop of *Elmham*,[7] in the reign of *Canute* King of *England*, and the abbot was lord in the Conqueror's time, as appears from this account in *Domesday Book*. In *Rungton*, St. *Edmund* held in the Confessor's time, 2 carucates of land; there were always 5 villains, 4 bordarers, and 2 servi, 12 acres of meadow, 16 of wood, one mill, one fishery, and 2 carucates in demean, then one among the tenants, now 2 oxgangs, one beast for burden, 8 cows, paunage for 30 hogs, 15 sheep; there belong to this manor, 27 freemen; the soc was in St. *Edmund's*; they had one carucate of land, and there were always 3 carucates, and 2 bordarers. There also belongs to the said manor half a carucate of land; there were always 4 bordarers, one servus, and one carucate in demean; also 30 acres belong to it with one villain, and 2 bordarers; it was always valued at 7*l*. and 4*s*. There belongs to this manor a beruwit called *Isinghetun*, which lies in another hundred. This whole manor is one leuca in length and 5 furlongs in breadth, and pays 8*d*. when the hundred pays 20*s*. to the gelt.—Under the invasions of the abbot, we find that he held 150 acres which five freemen held in the Confessor's time: there were then 2 carucates and an half, now two, and 4 bordarers, valued at 20*s*. and he claims it as the King's gift. In the same village one freeman had half a carucate, there were 4 bordarers, and 2 freemen who had 6 acres valued at 10*s*. there were also 46 acres which 3 freemen held; always one bordarer, 3 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s*. which the abbot had seized on.

Terr. Abb. de S'co Edmundo. In Runghetuna ten. Sc's E. T. R. E. ii. *car. t're. semp.* v. *vill. et* iiii. *bor. et* ii. *serv.* xii. *ac. p'ti.* xvi. *ac. silve,*

[6] Pat. 18.—Pat. 10.—Pat. Phil. et M. —Blomfield, Hist. Norf. vol. iv. p. 559, 560.

[7] Regist. Sacristæ, fol. 50. 6. Reg. Abb. p. 26. de Bury——is a town surrounded with water or low grounds.

i. *mol.* i. *piscina, et* ii. *car. in dominio, tc.* i. *car. hom. modo* ii. *bov. semp.* i. *runc.* viii. *an.* xxx. *por.* xv. *ovs. huic maner' jacent* xxvii. *lib. hoe's,* i. *soca remanebat S'co. Ed. h'ntes* i. *car. t're semp.* iii. *car'.* ii. *bor. jacent etiam huic man. dim. car. t're semp.* iiii. *bor. et* i. *ser. et* i. *car. in d'nio; et adhuc jacent* xxx. *ac. et* i. *vill. et* ii. *bor. semp. val.* vii. *l. et* iiii. *sol. huic manerio jace'* i. *berewita que vocat. Isinghetuna et e. in al. hund'. hoe maner. ht.* i. *leug'. in longo et* v. *quar. in lat. et reddit* viii. *d. qu'. totu' hund. redd.* xx. *sol. de gelto.*

Invasion' Scj. Edm. Abbas. S'cj. Edm'. ten. in Runghetuna CL. *ac. qd. tenuere'* v. *lib. hoe's T. R. E. tc.* ii. *car. et dim. mo.* ii. iiii. *bor. val.* xx. *sol. ha'c. tr'a reclam. ex dono regis, in ead. vill. ten'.* i. *lib. ho. dim. car.* iiii. *bor.* ii. *lib. ho'es de* vi *ac. val.* x *sol. in ead* xlvi. *ac. q'. ten.* iii *lib. ho'es. se'p.* i. *bor.* iii. *car.* vi. *ac. p'ti, val.* x. *sol.*

In the 24th of *Henry* III. the jury find that the abbot of *Bury* held this manor in pure alms of the King, and that it had once been the demeans of several of the Kings of *England.* In the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbot claimed the lete, assise of bread and beer, gallows, weif of his tenants, and other privileges in his manors, here, in *Holm,* and *Wallingham;*[8] in the 30th of the said King, there was an extent made (during the vacancy of the abbey, then in the King's hands) by the free tenants and villains of this manor, who present that there was a capital messuage, curtilages, &c. with 198 acres of arable land, and 16 acres of meadow, value 16*s.* a messuage in *Wigenhale,* and a marsh called *Homislode,* land in *Walington,* called *Pallingslod,* a toft called *Wammingslod,* a windmill, 42 free tenants, several villains, with their rents and services named, a fishery valued 5*s.* In the 3d of *Edward* II. I find it wrote *Suth Rungton,* in a fine then levied of lands here, to distinguish it from a town in the neighbouring hundred, called *North Rungton;* and in the 9th of that King, the abbot had a patent to purchase a messuage, 11 acres of land, and several rents here.

It appears from ancient records, that the abbot of *Bury* had very large liberties and privileges, not only within the bailywick or franchise of St. *Edmund,* which contained 8 hundreds and an half in *Suffolk,* but also in their foreign or outlying manors, *viz.* fines, amerciaments, the year-day, waste, felons, and fugitives goods, goods of *felo de se,* and outlaws goods, and that King *Edward* III. by his charter, dated 22 *July,* in the 4th year of his reign, granted the abbot, &c. to have all the liberties which he and his predecessors had used by virtue of any general words in any former grants of the kings, his predecessors. The several kings whose charters are there recited, are King *Canute, Edward* the Confessor, *Henry* I. *Richard* I. King *John, Henry* III. *Edward* I. &c.

The abbot and his tenants had a discharge from contributing to the repairs of the gutters, banks, &c. between *Gering's* dam and *Fleming's* hithe in *Watlington,* as he and his tenants of *Rungton* had no lands, tenements, or commonage in *Watlington;* dated *December* 10, *anno* 24 *Edward* III.

This manor in a lease (dated 1st of *August,* in the 8th of *Henry* VI.) of *William Curteys,* then abbot, to *Peter Sewale,* is called *Rungton Roper;* the rent was 27*l.* 13*s.* 6*d. per ann.* all knights fees, the advowson of the church, reliefs, escheats, wayfs, estrays, lete, profit of the church, &c. were excepted, and reserved to the abbot, &c.

[8] Rot. Hund. Clarkl.

After the dissolution of the abbey of *Bury*, it remained in the Crown, till King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, in the 4th and 5th of their reign, on the 12th of *February*, granted it to *John Cajus*, doctor of physic, and it was given by him to *Cajus* college, in *Cambridge*, in which house it still continues; *Cajus* was master of the college, and physician to Queen *Mary*.

The tenths of this town were 7*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*—Remain 5*l.* 14*s.*

The temporalities of the abbot of *Bury*, were taxed here, in 1428, at 24*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*

The temporalities of the abbot of *Ramsey* at 16*d.*

The temporalities of the prior of *Wirmegaye*, here, or at *North Rungton*, at 1*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*

The lete of this town, *Holm*, *Thorpland*, and *Wallington*, was in Sir *George Hare*: lete fee together is 4*s.* The prior of *Bromhill* had lands or a little lordship here, and in *Holme*, given them by *William*, son of *John* of *Rungton-Holme*, of which see in *Weting*. In 1428 their temporalities here, were valued at 15*s.* This is now in *Christ's* college, *Cambridge*, and held by Sir *William Brown*, M. D.

The CHURCH of *Rungton* is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was a rectory in the patronage of the abbot of *Bury*, given to that abbey with the manor, by *Alfrick* Bishop of *Elmham*; to this village there belongs the hamlet of *Holm* with its chapel, and into this the rectors of *Rungton* are instituted with the said rectory.—The church appears to be a very antique pile, built of rag-stone, &c. dug in the neighbourhood, and lately repaired with brick in many places: it consists of a nave and a chancel covered with reed; the nave is in length about 47 feet, and in breadth about 21; at the west end near a window of the gable (here being no tower) hangs a small bell. At the east end of this nave, on the pavement, lies a marble with a brass plate:

Here under lyeth buried the body of Amye Neve, wife of Thomas Neve, gentilman, who departed this life, the twentie third day of March, An. Dom. M.DC.XXXVII.

Near to this lies another marble stone.

Here lyeth interred the body of Stephen Edgar, gent. who departed this life the eight and twentie day of June, in the three and fourtie year of his age, and in the year of our Lord 1653.

On a third,

Here under lyeth buried the body of Ann, the wife of Stephen Edgar, who departed this life the eighteenth day of June, An. Dom. 1636.

Between this nave and the chancel is a Gothick arch of great antiquity, the chancel is antique and forms a semicircle, built of stone, but repaired with brick, it is in length about 24 feet, and in breadth about 17. On the pavement here, lies a marble stone thus inscribed,

Here under lieth interred the body of Ester Edgar, the second wife of Stephen Edgar, gent. and daughter of Robert Carter of Norwich, merchant, who departed this life the 11th day of September. An. salutis

1639, *Annoq; Ætatis suæ* 20. *Here also lyeth buried the two daughters, Susan and Mary, who expiered their lives the* 28 *of August,* 1639, *being the* 5 *day of their age.*

On another,

Here under lyeth interred the body of Thomas Neve, gent. who departed this life the 18 *day of July, An. Salutis* 1639, *Annoq; Ætatis suæ* 65.

RECTORS.

1301, *Robert de Ereswell,* presented by the abbot and convent of *Bury:* license granted to this rector to serve one *Sunday* at *Rungton,* the next at *Walyngton* chapel, and the 3d *Sunday* at *Holm* chapel.[9]

1304, *William de Swanton* presented by the abbot, &c. This church at this time was valued at 26 marks, and the portion of St. *Saviour* (a religious house or hospital near the North Gate of *Bury*[1]) at half a mark.

1323, *Edward de Stowe,* by *Richard,* abbot, &c.

1349, *Geffrey de Hunden, Rongeton* cum *Cappellis,* by, &c.

1358, *Thomas Atte Lathe,* (he was rector of *Stokesby* and exchanged with *Hunden,*) presented by the abbot, &c.

1361, *William Fabel,* presented by the King, on the vacancy of the abbacy of *Bury;* he was rector of *Horrington* in the diocese of *Bath* and *Wells,* and exchanged with *Atte Lathe.*

1368, *Henry de Sonnyngwell,* presented by *John,* abbot, &c. he was rector of *Coryngham* in the diocese of *London,* and exchanged with *Fabel.*

1371, *Edward de Doryngton,* by *John,* abbot, &c.; he was rector of *Fobbyng* in the diocese of *London,* and exchanged with *Sonnyngwell.* This *Edward* was appointed guardian of the estate of *Humphry de Bohun,* late Earl of *Hereford; Pat.* 35 *Edward* III. p. 3.

1401, *Edward Stechesworth,* by the abbot, &c.; he was rector of *Chelsworth,* and exchanged with *Doryngton.*

Edmund Habirgent, rector of *Rungton,* by his will, dated on *Monday* after the Epiphany, 1416, and proved 14 *February,* in the said year, desires to be buried in the church here, before the high altar; bequeaths to the church of *Rungton-Holme* 20*s.* to the chapel of *Holme* 20*s.* to the chapel of *Wallington* 20*s.* and gives a purple cloth for a covering of the sepulchre of our Lord.[2]

1416, *John Bache, (primam habens tonsuram clericalem,)* by the abbot, &c.

1417, *Ralph Harlyng,* on the resignation of *Bache,* by the abbot, &c.; he was rector of *West-Stow,* and exchanged with *Bache.*

Ralph Harlyng, bachelor of degrees, rector of *Rungeton* with its chapels annexed, being very sickly, and aged, and also blind, resigned to us; and we present *John Seman* of *Stradeshull.*[3]

1419, *John Seman,* by the abbot, &c.; he was obliged to pay *Harlyng* a pension of seven marks *per ann.* during his life.

9 Lib. Instit. Norwic.
1 Regr. Kemp. Abb. Bur. fol. 123.
2 Regr. Hurning, p. 22.
3 Regr. Curteys Abb. Bur.

1422, *William Dey*, on the resignation of *Seman*, by the abbot, &c.; he was rector of *Paul's Crey*, in Kent, in the diocese of *Rochester*, and exchanged with *Seman*.

Ralph Kemp, rector of *Rungeton*, exchanged 14 *February*, 1429, with *Thomas Buck*, rector of *Hadesco, Norfolk*.[4]

1429, *Thomas Bucke*, on the resignation of *Kemp*, by *William*, abbot, &c.

1431, *Edmund Blake* to *Rungeton-Holme*, with the chapels of *Walyngton* and *Holme*, by the abbot, &c. on the resignation of *Bucke*.

1454, *Robert Faux*, on the resignation of *Blake*, by the abbot, &c.; he was rector of *Holme* St. *Andrew*, and exchanged with *Blake*.

1462, *Roger Lane*, on the death of *Faux*, by the abbot, &c.; he wills in 1488, to be buried in the church of St. *James* of *Holme*, before the image of St. *Mary*, gives to its repair 6*s*. and 8*d*. and the same sum to the repair of St. *Andrew* of *Rungton*, and St. *Margaret* of *Wallington*.[5]

1489, *John Stonham*, on the death of the last rector, by *Thomas*, abbot, &c.

1493, *Edmund Rowray, vel Rory*, on the resignation of *Stonham*, by *Thomas*, abbot, &c.

1504, *Richard Wodehill*, on the death of *Rory*, by the abbot, &c.

1511, *William Lakenham*, A. M.

1520, *Nicholas Norton*, on the resignation of *Lakenham*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich* by lapse.

1529, *Matthew Rabon*, on the death of *Norton*, by the abbot, &c. In the 6th year of *Edward* VI. on the 18 *December*, that King gave the advowson of this church, and the chapels belonging, to *Edward* Lord *Clinton*, and *Henry Herdson* of *London*, afterwards it came to Judge *Gawdy*, &c.

Robert Morley occurs rector about the year 1560. *Dns. Rob. Morley, presbiter non conjugatus, satis doctus, residet, hospitalis, Ibidem, non prædicat nec licentiatus, nullum aliud.*[6]

1579, *Humphrey Melton*, on the death of the last rector, presented by *Francis Gawdy*, serjeant at law: in his answer to King *James's* queries, he says there were 102 communicants here in 1603.

William Clapham.

1603, *William Fleming*, on the death of *Clapham*, by *John Conynsby*, Esq.

1614, *Joseph Allison*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by Sir *Robert Rich*, Knt.

1631, *Thomas Eales*, A. M. on *Allison's* death, by *Robert* Earl of *Warwick*.

1661, *Henry Drury*, A. M. by the Bishop of *Norwich*, by lapse.

1672, *William Peter*, A. M. on *Drury's* death by Doctor *Brady*.

1672, *Henry Lewes*, A. M. by Sir *Thomas Barrington* and the Lady *Anne* his wife, the Lady *Mary*, and the Lady *Essex Rich*, by the King's mandate, by which *William Peter* was ejected.

1690, *Richard Miller*, A. M. on the death of *Lewes*, by *Thomas Blofield*.

[4] Regr. Curteys.

[5] Regr. Wolman p. 31, 32, proved 24 Apr. 1489.

[6] Parkeri Certificat.

1702, *Henry Jenkin*, A. M. on *Miller's* death, by *Robert Jenkin*, clerk.

1732, *Thomas Jenkin*, A. M. by *William Jenkin* Gent.

1756, *Charles Davy*, rector, on *Jenkin's* death, by *Charles Davy*, Gent.

1764, *John White*, rector.

This rectory is now valued in the King's Books at 12*l.* and pays first-fruits, &c.

The old valor, with the chapel of *Holme*, was 26 marks; *Peterpence*, 18*d.*—The hospital of our Saviour at *Bury* had a portion of tithe, valued at 6*s.* 8*d. per annum*, and the rector had 60 acres of glebe land.

HOLME

Is an hamlet belonging to *Rungton*, and to the lordship of the abbot of *Bury*, and takes its name from its low and moist situation. The rector had here 80 acres of land, here was baptism and burial, and was valued with *Rungton*.

Cassandra de Holme appears to have lands here in the 12th of *Henry* III. and the Lady *Isabella*, formerly wife of Sir *James Maskerall*, Knt. quitclaimed her right in a messuage in the town of *Rungton*, in a hamlet called the *Holme*, to Sir *Philiph de Eya* by deed *sans* date.[7]

TITLESHALE-MANOR

Took its name from a family so called, and was probably possessed before that by the family of *De Holme; Odo*, son of *Leverick de Holme-Rungton*, St. *Edmund's*, by deed *sans* date, gave lands here to *John deTifteshale*, son of *Jeffrey*, performing homages and certain services: witnesses, *Herlewin de Russell*, &c. it was after this possessed by the *Trussbutts*, &c. In the 2d of *Henry* VI. *Henry Warner* of *Watlington* and *Alice* his wife, conveyed to *Laurence Trussbut* of *Shouldham*, a messuage, 41 acres, and 14*s.* rent, in this town, *Thorpeland*, *Wallington*, &c.

The *Trussbuts* were an ancient family, and bore gyrony of eight, *azure* and *ermin.*—*Richard Trussbut* was living in the reign of *Henry* III. and *John* his son lived at *Shouldham* in that of *Edward* I. *Richard*, his son, occurs in the 3d year of *Edward* II. and by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *Walter* son of *William Marshal* of *Tyrington*, had *John* and *Nicholas*. *John* was captain of the *hobelers* in the *Scotch* wars, *Ann.* 16 *Edward* III. *Nicholas*, his brother, by

[7] Fin. 12 Hen. 3. L. 2. N. 78.

Isabel his wife, was father of *Laurence*, who was living *Ann.* 17 *Richard* II. and 4 of *Henry* VI. and married *Alice*, daughter of *John de Fincham.*

Thomas Trussbut, Esq. his son and heir, by his will, dated *December* 31, 1451, was buried in the church of *Rungton-Holme*, St. *James's*, by his father; to his son *John* and the heirs of his body, he gives this lordship of *Tittilsale* in *Holme*, with all his lands, foldcourses, &c. in *Wallington, Thorpland, Watlington, Totenhill, Stow, Fincham*, &c.[8]— To *William*, his son, and his heirs, all his lands in *Shouldham* and *Marham*, not entailed by his father *Laurence;* makes *Alice*, his wife, *John*, his son, and *John Fincham*, executors.

John Trussbut, Esq. son and heir of *Thomas*, left by *Elizabeth* his wife, (who survived him, and married *Nicholas Gyrlington*,) *Jane*, a daughter and heir, who by marriage brought this lordship to *Thomas Colt*, Esq. of *Greys-Hall* in *Cavendish, Suffolk*,[9] (son of *Thomas Colt*, Esq. of *Carlisle*,) who was chancellor of the Exchequer, one of the privy council to King *Edward* IV. and dying about the 12th of that King, was buried at *Cavendish;* his widow *Jane* remarried to Sir *William Parr*, and dying on *Monday* before the feast of St. *Laurence*, *Anno* 13 of the said King, left *John Colt*, Esq. of *New-Hall* in *Essex*, her son and heir, in ward to Sir *William*, who in the first of *Henry* VII. had livery of this manor; married, first, *Jane*, daughter of Sir *John Elrington* of *Middlesex*, and 2dly, *Mary*, daughter of Sir *John Alne*, by whom he had Sir *George Colt*, who took to wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Coninsby*, of *North Mins* in *Hertfordshire*, and was father of Sir *George*, who married *Margaret*, daughter of *William Pooley*, Esq. of *Boxstead* in *Suffolk*, and had by her Sir *Henry Colt*, who by *Bridget*, his wife, daughter of Sir *William Kingsmill* of *Hampshire*, had *George Colt*, Esq. his son and heir, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *John Dutton*, Esq. of *Gloucestershire*. This *George*, in the 20th of *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to *Thomas Shouldham*, Esq. from whom it came to *Judge Gawdy:* in the 9th of *James* I. *Richard Godbould*, of *Fincham*, was a trustee for it, and afterwards came to the *Botelers.*—— *Boteler*, Esq. sold it to *James Vernon*, Esq. commissioner of the excise, (brother to Admiral *Vernon*,) who was lord in 1750.

Colt bore *argent*, a fess between three colts current, *sable.*

TRUSSBUTT.[1]

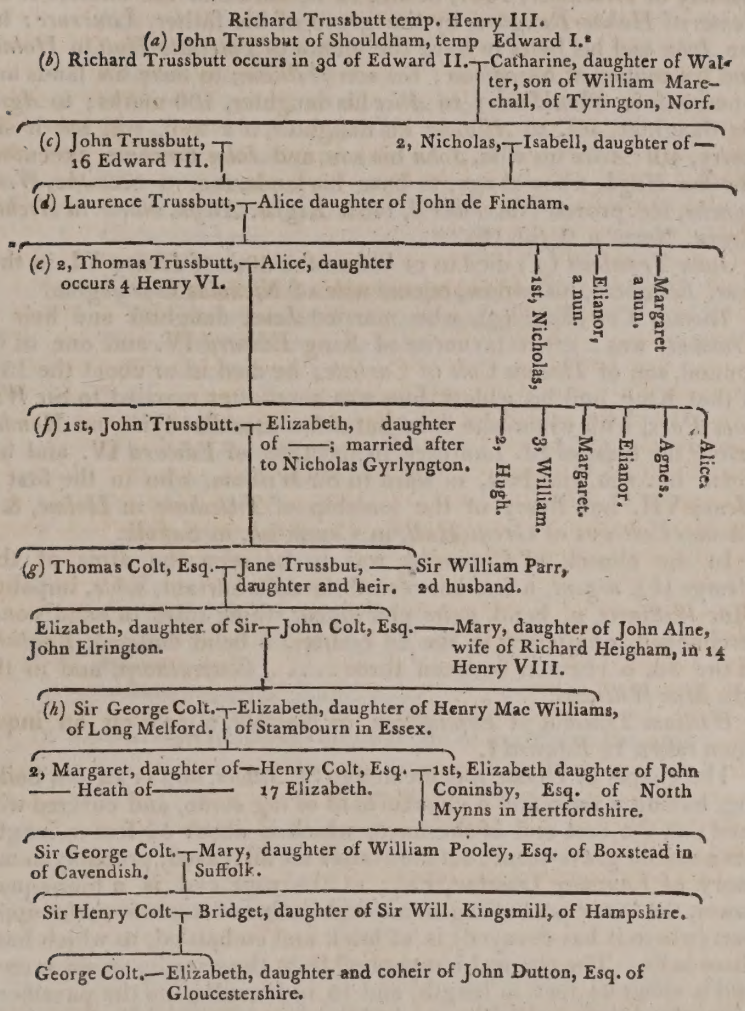
Nicholas Trussbut witness to a *Latin* deed of *Nicholas de Acra*, son of *Alice de Ver*, of land in *Exning, Suffolk sans* date, with Sir *Robert de Hastings William de Yselham, Ad. le Flemeg, Nicholas Trussbut, Henry le Compeigne*, &c. Sir *John de St. Amand's* land mentioned in the deed.

[8] Reg. Aleyn Norw. pt. 2. f. 163.

[9] Nicholas Gyrlington seems to have been nearly related to Thomas Colt, his father marrying a daughter of —— Gyrlington.

[1] The Trussbuts were a family of good account. Agatha Trussbut was wife William de Albiney Earl of Sussex, and Lord of Rising castle: she paid King John, at Lynn, in his chamber, an 100 marks of silver, a (fine for his being in arms with the rebellious barons,) on Tuesday after the feast of St. Dennis, in the 18th year of that King. Teste Rege ap. Lenn, 11 Oct. This was but 8 days before the King's death.

PEDIGREE OF THE TRUSSBUTTS.



Richard Trussbutt (*b*), occurs in the 7th of *Edward* III.

John Trussbutt, captain of the *hobelars* in the *Scotch* wars, *Anno* 16 *Edward* III.

In the 2d year of *Henry* VI. a fine was levied between *Laurence Trussbut* (*d*) of *Shouldham*, querent, *Henry Warner* of *Watlington*, and *Alice* his wife, deforcients, of one messnage, 41 acres of land, 14*s.* rent

[a] In the 10th of Edward I. John Trussbut levied a fine, to Benedict, prior of Shouldham, of the advowson of the church of Shouldham, All-Saints, Fin. L. 2. N. 129.

in *Watlington, Rungton-Holme, Wallington, Thorpland,* &c. conveyed to *Laurence* and his heirs. *Fin. L.* 1 *N.* 5.

Thomas Trussbut (*e*) of *Rungton-Holme,* Esq. by his will dated the last day of *December,* 1451, desires to be buried in the church of St. *James* of *Holme-Rungton,* by the grave of his father, *Laurence;* his son *John* and his heirs to have the manor of *Tytelsale Hall* in *Holme,* and his manor of *Shingham;* his son *William,* to have his lands and tenements in *Shouldham;* to *Alice* his daughter, 100 marks; to *Agnes* his daughter, 40*l.* to *Alianor* his daughter, if a nun, 10*l.* but if she marry, 40*l. Alice* his wife, *John* his son, and *John Fincham,* executors. His son *Hugh,* when at age, to have his lands, &c. in *Sechithe, Westwynche,* &c. proved *November* 6, 1452. *Regist. Aleyn. Norw. in Archiv. Regist. Norw. p.* 2. *fol.* 163.

John Trussbutt (*f*) died in or before the 30th of *Henry* VI. in that year, *Elizabeth,* his widow, occurs wife of *Nicholas Gyrlyngton.*

Thomas Colt, Esq. (*g*), who married *Jane,* daughter and heir of *Trussbut,* was a great favourite of King *Edward* IV. and one of his council, son of *Thomas Colt* of *Carlisle;* he died in or about the 13th of that King, and his widow *Jane* was soon after married to Sir *William Parr,* with whom she lived but a few months, dying on *Monday* before the feast of St. *Laurence,* in the 13th of *Edward* IV. and left *John,* her son and heir, in ward to Sir *William,* who in the first of *Henry* VII. had livery of the lordship of *Titleshale* in *Holme,* &c. *Thomas Colt* was of *Greys-Hall,* in *Cavendish,* in *Suffolk.*

In the church of *Cavendish* was to be seen the arms of this *George* (*h*), *argent,* a fess between three colts currant, *sable,* impaling *Mac Williams, p.* bend, *gules* and *argent,* three roses in bend counterchanged, quartering in the 2d quarter, a bend cottised, *English;* in the 3d, a chevron between three . . . . ., *Gastenthorp,* and in the 4th, *Mac Williams.*

William Trussbut of *Erpingham,* in *Norfolk,* a juror on an inquisition taken 19 *Edward* I.

The chapel of *Holme* is dedicated to St. *James,* and is an old building, having a nave and a chancel built of rag stone, and covered with reed; at the east end of the nave, which is about 52 feet in length, lies a marble grave-stone, but the brasses are all reaved, probably in memory of *Laurence Trussbut,* Esq.; at the west end is a four-square tower, the lower part of rag stone, and quoins of free stone, the upper part (where it has decayed) is of brick and embattled, in which hang three bells. The chancel is separated from the nave by an old screen, and is about 24 feet in length, and 15 in breadth; on the pavement, near the north wall lies a marble grave-stone, with this shield (*Plate. I Fig.* 16.) quarterly, *argent,* a cross patonce, *azure,* between, four stars pierced, *gules,* in the first and 4th.---- *Webb.* . . . . . three pallets . . . . . in a bordure . . . . . eight roundles, in the 2d and 3d quarter. . . . .

Here under lieth interred the body of Lloyd Webb, son of Thomas Webb, Esq; and Elizabeth his wife, who departed his life the 30*th day of April Anno Salutis,* 1712. *Ætatis suæ* 16.

A little higher on the said pavement, a marble stone with this shield (*Plate I. Fig.* 7.), &c.—— *argent,* a lion rampant, reguardant

sable, armed *gules*, *Jenkin*, impaling *ermine* on a chevron engrailed *sable*, three cinquefoils, *argent*, *Hatfield*:

Sub hoc marmore, jacent reliquiæ
Sasannæ Henricj Jenkin
Rectoris hujus ecclesiæ
Uxoris dilectissimæ.
Sed pars ejus multo optima,
Certè in gremio Dni. reposita est
Hujus interim dicta, factaq;
Laudatissima memorare,
Marite lugenti volupe est;
Sed prohibent lacrimæ.
Quàm verè pia, sine ulla pietatis affectione,
Quàm pauperum amans
Cæterisq; virtutibus erat ornatissima,
Præ dolore mitto dicere, sed revelabit Deus
Familiam ejus si inquiris lector,
Haud ea magna est,
Sed honesta, sed virtutibus nobilitata,
Filia sc' erat natu maxima
Dno. Gulielmi Hatfield,
Insignis sane probitate viri;
Senatoris olim Lennensis
Ac mercatoris haud quotidiani.
Obiit An. Dni. 1713 *Jan.* 7.
Ætatis suæ 46.
Quin et in hoc tumulo conditi sunt
Henricus filius, duæq; filiolæ,
Quarum utraq; (alia post aliam)
Saraæ nomine nominata est.

In a small square marble stone near the middle of the area:

R. I
S. T. P
Obt. Apr. 7. *Æt.* 70.
S. I. } { *R. I.*
Nov. 17. } { *Decr.* 22.
Infantes Utriq; tenelli,
1727.

Against the south wall is a little mural monument of stone, ornamented with cherubims, and the arms of *Jenkin* as before, and on a black marble tablet in the centre, in letters of gold;

S. M.
Rev'di admodùm Roberti Jenkin
S'tæ Theolog. pro Dnâ. Margarettâ
In academiâ Cantabrigiensi,
Professoris;
Omni laude dignissimi
Et collegii Divi Johannis Evangelistæ,
Præfectii,
Vigilantissimi, spectatissimi;

Qui doctrinæ, pietatis, religionis
Ornamentum fuit illustre;
Exemplar venerabile,
Vindex fidelissimus.
Et usq; vixit
Monumentum perpetuum.
Obt. 7mo. Die Aprilis,
Ano. } *Dni.* 1727.
} *Æt.* 70.

This, as has been observed, is a chapel in the parish of *Rungton*, but had anciently the privilege of burial and baptism. The image of St. *Christopher* in this chapel, is mentioned in the will of *Simon Parch*, alias *Tyler*, in 1442.[3]

Laurence Trussbutt, father of *Thomas Trussbutt*, Esq. was here buried, as appears from the will of the said *Thomas*, dated in 1451,[4] near the tomb of his father *Laurence*. The said *Thomas* gives a legacy to the light *super le Rowell*, appoints his anniversary to be kept on *Monday* in *Easter* week, and mentions a chapel in his own house at *Rungton-Holme*.

Roger Lane, rector of *Rungton*, buried here, 1488.

On the 3d of *June*, 1631, I find *John Pollock* instituted to this chapel,[5] or church, on the death of *Joseph Allison*, rector of *Rungton*, and presented by *Robert* Earl of *Warwick*; and on the 31st of *May* in the said year, *Thomas Eales* was instituted rector of *Rungton*, but I find only this single institution.

THORPLAND,

A SMALL hamlet now belonging to *Rungton* aforesaid, but formerly a village, or township by itself; in *Domesday Book*, called *Torplanda*, and *Torp*: the greatest part of it was in the hands of *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, lord of *Wirmegay*, at the survey, and held before by *Turchetel*. *Bordinus* held under *Hermerus*, one carucate of land, 5 villains, 2 borderers, 20 acres of meadow, always one carucate in domain, and formerly one amongst the tenants; at the survey, 2 oxgangs, &c. 80 sheep, paunage for 10 hogs, a church endowed with 6 acres, valued before the survey, in all, at 30*s*. but now at 20*s*.; it was one leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d*. to the gelt, when the hundred was assessed at 20*s*.——*Hermerus* had also seized on 8 freemen who held 20 acres, and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 12*d*.—In the same, were 8 customary tenants belonging to the lords fold, valued at 10*s*.—Also 28 acres valued at 2*s*. 8*d*. besides 30 acres which *Godwin*, a freeman, held, who afterwards became an outlaw. *Hermerus* had with this 3 acres of

[3] Regr. Doke, p. 214.
[4] Regr. Aleyn. p. 163.
[5] Lib. Inst. 1631.

meadow, one carucate of land, 2 beasts for burden, 6 hogs, 40 sheep, 4 carucates of corn, &c. and has given surety for these and other effects.[6]

SYBETON-HALL.

The possessions of *Hermerus* abovementioned descended to the Lords *Bardolfs*, and became part of the honour of *Wirmegey*. In the reign of *Henry* III. when an aid was granted him on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor, *Nicholas de Sybeton* held the 9th part of a fee here, of the aforesaid honour, and *Hamon de Sybeton* granted by fine in the 44th of the said King, his manor here, and that of *Wallington*, with lands in *Stow*, &c. to Mr. *William de Clare* and his heirs, to be held of *Hamon* and his heirs.[7] In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Geffrey de Thorpland* held it, and claimed the lete, assize of bread and beer, gallows, all forfeitures, &c. but in the 9th of *Edward* III. *Adam*, son of *John* of *Watlington*, held a messuage and 40 acres of land here of *John de Thorpland*, by the service of 2*s. per ann.* In the 5th of *Henry* VI. Sir *John Colvil* was lord, and in the 17th of the said King, he settled this manor on a chantry which he founded in the church of *Newton* in *Cambridgeshire*.[8] At the Dissolution it was granted to *Thomas Mildmay*, and in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Thomas Mildmay* conveyed it to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. and so it came into the *Warwick* family, (as may be seen in *Wallington*,) and by the marriage of *Essex*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Robert* Earl of *Warwick*, to *Daniel Finch* Earl of *Nottingham*, who sold it to *Philip Bell*, Esq. who gave it to his nephew, *Philip Bell*, Esq. (younger brother to *Beaupré Bell*, Esq. of *Outwell*,) whose son died lord, and left a son and heir, now a minor.

ESTON-HALL.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Sarah de Eston* was found to hold lands here of the honour of *Wirmegey*, by the fourth part of a fee.[9] *Jeffrey de Eston* held it in the 20th of *Edward* III. and by a roll of the honour of *Wirmegey*, made in the said reign, it appears that he had liberty of a fold, a windmill, and a right of driving beasts into the fen, performing homage, and fealty, suit of court, castle-guard, and wayt fee, 12*d.* at St. *Michael* and *Easter*, to the said honour. *Nicholas Beaupré*, in the 11th of *Richard* II. aliened to the nunnery of *Crabhous*, a mes-

[6] Terre. Hermeri de Ferrariis, Torpelanda ten. Bordin. 1 car. terr. qua. ten. Turchetel. T. R. E. semp. v. vill. ii. bord. xx. acr. pti. semp. 1 car. in d'nio. tc. 1 car. hom. mo. 11 bov. semp. iiii. an. tc. xxiiii. ov. mo. lxxx. tc. ix. porc. mo. x. 1 eccles. vi. acr. tc. val. xxx. sol. mo. xx. hec tr'a hab. 1 leug. in long. et iiii. qr. in lat. et redd. xiii*d.* de gelto Regis de xx*s.*—Invas. Hermi. &c. In Torplanda viii lib. hom. de xx acr. et' ii acr. pti. val. 12*d.*—In ead. 8 consuet. ad falda. sui ântecessor. et val. x*s.* adhuc 28 acr. val. 2*s.* 8*d.* adhuc 30 ac. q. ten. Godwinus lib. ho. qui post ut legavit, et hab. Hermer. 3 acr. pti. et 1 car. et 2 runc. 6 porc. xl ov. et iiii carr. de blato, et inde dedit vadem. et de aliis rebus.

[7] Test. de Nevil.—Fin. L. 1. 8. N. 8. —Rot. Hundr. 3 Ed. III. — Esch. 9 Edw. III.

[8] Esch. 17 Hen. VI. N. 29.

[9] Inquisit. Temp. Hen. 3. Test. de Nevil. Inquis. 20 Edw. 3.

suage and 33 acres of land here, and in *Wygenhale* and *Tilney*.—(*Esch.* 11. *Richard* II. *N.* 108.)—In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *William Hunt* was lord; after this it came to the *Gawsels*, and *Thomas Gawsell* of *Wallington*, Esq. died lord in 1500: from the *Gawsells* it was conveyed to the *Coningsbys*, *Gawdys*, &c. to the Earl of *Nottingham*, and *Bell*, as will be shown in *Wallington*.

Besides these two lordships, in the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior of *Westacre*, and the prioress of *Crabhouse*, were found to hold the 3d part of a fee, of the gift of *Alexander*, son of *Reginald de Thorpland*, of the honour of *Wirmegey*: on the Dissolution, this was granted to *Mildmay*, who conveyed it to *Gawdy*, and so was united with the aforesaid lordships. The temporalities of the prior of *Westacre* here and in *Wallington*, in 1428, were valued at 22*s.* 4*d. per ann.* and their spiritualities here, at 20*s.*

ABBOT OF BURY'S MANOR.

The abbot of St. *Edmund's Bury*, at the survey, had a freeman who held 4 acres, of whom he had the protection only. St. *Bennet*, (that is, *Ramsey* abbey,) had the soc, it was valued at 8*d.*[1] This was part of the abbot's manor of *Rungton* abovementioned.

The temporalities of the prior of *Shouldham*, here and in *Wallington*, in 1428, were valued at 14*s.* 3*d.* The tenths of this village and *Wallington*, were 1*l.* 13*s.* Deduct 6*s.* 8*d.* Remain 1*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*

The church or chapel which was here has been in ruins two, or near three centuries; that there was one at the conquest and endowed, I have already observed; and that it was standing in 1434 appears from the will of *Thomas Foston* of *Carboisthorp*, who gives to the church of *Thorpland* 3*s.* 4*d.*; and in 1488, *Roger Lane*, rector of *Rungton*, bequeaths to the church of St. *Thomas* of *Thorpland*, the same sum; the chapel or church of *Wallington*, after this, served both places, for their publick worship, till about 140 years past. After that fell, the church of *Rungton*, and since the fall of that, these hamlets are obliged to go to the church of *Holme*. On the death of Sir *Francis Gawdy* it was found that he died seized of the rectory of of *Thorpland*. It is said to be appropriated anciently to the priory of *Westacre*, and the prior had a manse with 12 acres: it was valued at 20*s.*; *Peter*-pence 9*d.*

WALLINGTON,

CALLED in *Domesday Book*, *Wallinghetuna*, (that is a town with mounds or walls of earth fencing it against the watery meadows.) *Hermerus* seized on it, being in the Confessor's time the possessions of *Turstan*, a freeman, who had an hundred acres of land, and 15 acres

[1] Terr. Abbat. de S'co Edmo.—In ta't. et Sc's Ben. socam val. viii*d.* Torp. 1. lib. ho. iiii. acr. sed com'dat.

of meadow, valued at 12*s.* and was only under protection; here was a church with 26 acres, valued at 16*d.* In the same were seven freemen in the Confessor's time who held 60 acres, valued at 14*s. per ann.* of six of these *Hermerus's* predecessor had the protection only, and *Guert* the Earl[2] had it of the seventh, valued at 20*d.* and *Hermerus* seized on this freeman: the whole is 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 6*d.* to the gelt; over all these St. *Bennet (Ramsey* abbey) has the soc.[3]

Roger Bigot (Earl of *Norfolk)* had also 30 acres of land, which *Husgarla,* a freeman, held in the Confessor's time, and *Hugh* holds it of *Roger,* valued at 3*s.*; this part was soon after in the hands of the descendants of *Hermerus,* and held by the *Bardolphs,* lords of *Wirmegey,* and with the foregoing parts made up the manors of *Sybeton-Hall,* and *Eston-Hall* in this village.

SYBETON-HALL.

What has been said of this hall in *Thorpland,* will serve also in this town, being possessed by the same lords, and passed (as is there observed) through several hands, till it came to *Philp Bell,* Esq. as above.

ESTON-HALL.

This also passed (as has been mentioned in *Thorpland)* from the family of *Eston,* to *William Hunt,* who was lord in the 3d year of *Henry* IV. and afterwards came to the family of the *Gawsells. Thomas Gawsell,* Esq. died lord of *Eston-Hall,* in this village and *Thorpland,* as appears from his will, dated *September* 14, and proved *November* 17, 1500;[4] with lands in *Carboisthorp, Wymbotsham, Stow, Foston, Eastwinch, Wygenhale,* &c. and gave lands in *Fordham, Helgey, Denver, Riston, Roxham, Upwell, Outwell,* and *Tilney* in *Norfolk,* and *Littleport* in *Cambridgeshire,* to *Richard,* a younger son. And *Elena Gawsell* of *Wallington,* widow of the aforesaid *Thomas,* by her will dated on the feast of St. *Clement,* 1504, and proved *June* 3, 1507, gives to *John Gawsell,* her eldest son, the manors of *Wallington* and *Thorpland,* and *Woodleves* in *Fordham.*[5] In the 16th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Gawsell,* (son of *John,)* and *Catherine* his wife, convey their manors of *Wallington* and *Thorpland* to *William Conningsby,* Esq.[6] (one of the justices of the King's Bench, in the 32d of the said King,) son of Sir *Humphrey,* who was made justice of the King's Bench, *May* 21, in the

[2] Guert was King Harold's brother.

[3] Invasion. Hermeri de Ferrariis—In Wallinghetuna ten. Turstinus lib. ho. T. R. E. c. acr. et xv p'ti. val. xiis. in hoc com'dat. — Eccla. xxvi. acr. val. xvi*d.* — In ead. vii. lib. hom. T. R. E. lx acr. val. xiv. sol. de sex hab. suus antecess. com'dat. tant. et de vii. Guert Comes, val. xx*d.* Istum invasit Hermerus. Tot. hab. iv. quar. in longo, et iii. in lato, et redd. vi*d.* de gelto; in illis omnib; hab. Sc's. Ben. soc.—In Walinghetuna xxx ac. tre ten. Husgarla lib. ho. T. R. E. mo. ten Hugo, semp. val. iii. sol.

[4] Regist. Cage, Norw.—Regr. Ryx, Norw.

[5] William Kekill was lord in or about the reign of Edward IV. as appears from old evidences, and left a daughter Ellene, who probably was wife of, and brought it to, this Thomas Gawsell.

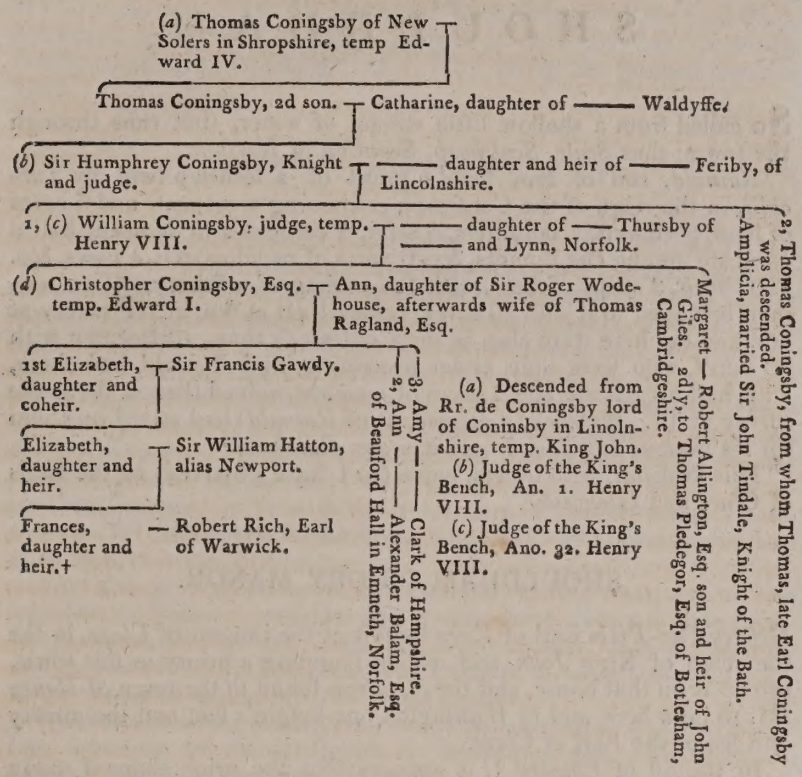
[6] Fin. Term. Pasch. N. 34.

first of *Henry* VIII. descended from *Roger de Coningsby*, lord of *Coningsby* in *Lincolnshire*, in the reign of King *John*. Sir *Humphrey* was son of *Thomas Coningsby*, Esq. second son of *Thomas Coningsby*, Esq. of *New Solers* in *Shropshire*, who lived in the reign of *Edward* IV *William Coningsby*, Esq. aforesaid (who first settled here) was father of *Christopher Coningsby*, Esq. who was slain in the first of *Edward* VI. at the battle of *Muscleborough* in *Scotland*, and left by his wife *Ann*, daughter of Sir *Roger Woodhouse* of *Kimberley*, 3 daughters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, the eldest, was married to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. who in her right became lord of this place, and *Thorpland;* he was the 3d son of *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq. of *Harleston* in *Norfolk*, by his 3d wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas*, or (as some say) *Oliver Shyres;* in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, he was serjeant at law, and Queen's serjeant, *May* 17, 1582, and in the 20th of the said Queen, bought of Sir *Thomas Mildmay*, the manor of *Sybeton* in this town; in 1589, he was made a judge of the King's Bench, and *August* 25, 1605, chief justice of the Common Pleas, being then a knight: he died of an apoplexy at *Serjeant's Inn, London*, before he had sate a year in the station, and was buried in the neighbouring church of *Rungton*.—Sir *Henry Spilman* says, that having this manor, &c. in right of his wife, he induced her to acknowledge a fine thereof, on which she became a distracted woman, and continued so, to the day of her death, and was to him for many years a perpetual affliction;[7] he had by her an only daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *William Hatton*, who died also without issue male, and left a daughter and heir, *Frances*, brought up with her grandfather the judge, and was secretly married, against his will, to Sir *Robert Rich*, (afterwards Earl of *Warwick*,) son of *Robert* Earl of *Warwick*. The judge being shortly after made Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, (at a dear rate, as was reported,) was suddenly stricken with an apoplexy, and died without issue male, ere he had continued in his place one whole *Michaelmas* term, and having made his appropriate parish church a hay-house, or a dog-kennel, his dead corps being brought from *London* to *Wallington*, could for many days find no place of burial, but growing very offensive, he was at last conveyed to the church of *Rungton*, and buried there without any ceremony, and lyeth yet uncovered (if the visitors have not reformed it,) with so small a matter as a few paving stones. And indeed no stone or memorial was there ever for him, and if it was not for this account it would not have been known, that he was there buried.

This village, with that of *Thorpland*, thus brought by Judge *Gawdy's* grand-daughter into the *Warwick* family, on the death of *Robert* Earl of *Warwick*, (who left 3 daughters and coheirs,) came by marriage of *Essex*, the 3d daughter, to *Daniel Finch* Earl of *Nottingham*, who sold it to *Philip Bell*, Esq. from whom it came to *Philip Bell*, Esq. his nephew, whose son was late lord, &c. The hall is the only house now standing; the town was depopulated by Judge *Gawdy*, who had a park here.

[7] Hist. of Sacrilege, p. 251.

PEDIGREE OF THE CONINGSBYS.



Coningsby bore *gules*, three coneys sejant, *argent*, in a bordure ingrailed, *sable*.——*Gawdy*, *argent*, a tortoise, passant, *vert*.

The CHURCH of *Wallington* was dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and is now in ruins, nothing being standing but the tower, which is owing to its being profaned by Judge *Gawdy;* that it was standing in 1509, appears from the will of *John Hale* of *Wallington*, who bequeaths his body to be buried in the churchyard of St. *Margaret*.[8]—And *Christopher Coningsby* of *Wallington*, Esq. by his will dated *July* 20, in the first of *Edward* VI. and proved *April* 9, 1548, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of *Wallington*. That it was formerly a distinct parish, appears from its endowment in the Conqueror's time, when there belonged to it 26 acres of glebe land; but in 1416, it is called a chapel belonging to *Rungton*. In *Edward* the First's time it was called a rectory in the patronage of the abbot of *Bury*, belonging to *Rungton*, valued with it, and paid *Peter*-pence, 7*d*.

† She is said to have brought to Sir Robert Rich 10,000*l*. *per ann*.

[8] Regr. Coppinger Norw. p. 37. Regr. Wymer Norw. p. 51.

SHOULDHAM.

So called from a shallow little stream of water, that runs through the town; thus *Scole, Sculthorp, Scoulton* in *Norfolk.*

Rainald, son of *Ivo,* had a grant of a lordship held by *Turchill,* in the reign of the Confessor, containing a carucate and 6 acres of land, 3 villains, 7 bordarers, 3 servi, 2 carucates in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, &c. 6 acres of meadow, &c. 4 cows, &c. 120 sheep, 3 skeps of bees, with the moiety of a fishery. Two socmen belonged to it with 10 acres, valued then at 60*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* and 6*d.* here were also, in the Confessor's time, 10 freemen with 30 acres, who were only under protection, and *Rainald* had them, with half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, valued then at 6*s.* at the survey at 16. *Wihenoc* (a dependant of *Rainald*) had seized on them for his master, and *Ralph* held it under *Rainhald.*[9]

This lordship, with others, came (as I have observed) to the Earls of *Clare* and *Gloucester.*

SHOULDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Geffrey Fitz-Piers Earl of *Essex* held it of the honour of *Clare,* in the the reign of King *John,* and on his founding a priory in this town, settled it on that house, and the prior was found in the reign of *Henry* III. to hold here and in *Watlington* one knight's fee, and the moiety of a fee of the Earl of *Clare.*

In the 3d of *Edward* I. it appears that the prior claimed many royal privileges, and in his 9th year a writ was directed to the barons of the Exchequer, reciting that the master and priors of the order of *Sempringham* (of which order this convent was) had many privileges granted to them, by the King's predecessors, and had been disturbed in using them, on this account the barons are ordered to have their charters read, and allowed in court.

On the dissolution of this priory, it came to King *Henry* VIII. *anno* 1539, and remained there some time; in the 34th of that King, the rent of assise of this manor was 10*l.* 10*s. per ann.*—Perquisites of court 2*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*—Lands farmed let at 18*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*—Foldcourse—10*l. per ann.*

King *Edward* VI. *An.* 7, *May* 6, granted it to *Thomas Myldmay,*

[9] Terra Rainaldi filii Ivonis—Sculdeham ten. Turchillus, T. R. E. i. car. tre. et vi ac. mo. ten. Ran. tc. iii. vill. mo. v. tc. vii. bor. mo. vii. semp. iii. s. tc. et p. ii. car. in d'nio. mo. i. dim. car. ho'um. silv. xx por. vi ac. p'ti. tc. i. r. tc. iiii an. mo. vi. tc. xvi. por. mo. iii. tc. cxx. ovs. mo. cxxvi. et iii. vasa apu'. et dim. pisc. huic man. jacent ii. Sochem. de x ac. tc. val. lx sol. mo. xl. 7*s.* vi*d.* huic etiam jacent x libi. homines T. R E. de xxx. ac. com'datione tantu' et tenet ide' sep. dim. car. et ii ac. pti. tc. val. vi sol. mo. xvi. hos invasit Wihenoc.

Esq. of *Moulsham* in *Essex*, and Sir *Thomas Myldmay*, his son, sold it *January* 12, *An.* 30, *Elizabeth*, to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. serjeant at law, &c. as in *Wallington*, and came by his grand-daughter to *Robert Rich* Earl of *Warwick*. In 1632, Sir *Thomas Barrington*, Bart. Sir *William Marsham*, and Sir *Nathaniel Rich*, trustees of the said Earl, conveyed it to Sir *John Hare*, Knight of *Stow Bardolf*, in which family it remains, Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being the present lord, in 1763.

TRUSSBUT'S AND COLT'S MANOR.

Ralph Lord *Bainard*, at the survey, had a grant of a lordship, on the deprivation of *Ailid*, a free woman, who was also deprived of many other manors.—This consisted of 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, 14 villains, 2 bordarers, 4 servi, 10 acres of meadow, 3 parts of a mill, and a fishery, &c. 6 cows, 60 sheep, &c. two churches endowed with 73 acres, valued at 6*s.* 1*d.* the whole valued at 7*l.*—In the other *Shouldham*, which shows that here was *Shouldham Magna* and *Parva*, *Ailid* had 2 carucates in demean, 8 villains, 7 bordarers, 4 servi, 10 acres of meadow and a salt pit;[1] one carucate among the tenants, &c. 60 sheep, then valued at 100*s.* at the survey at 8*l.* 15 socmen belonged to it with 24 acres, and half a carucate, valued above. All *Shouldham* is one leuca long, and half a one broad, and pays 12*d.* at a 20*s.* gelt.[2]

This was the largest, or the chief lordship of this town, and on the rebellion of *William* Lord *Bainard* against King *Henry* I. being forfeited, came after to the Earls of *Clare*, and was held of them by *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, and so came to *Shouldham* priory.—*Roger Trussbut* had an interest in it in 1255.

By the inquisition taken in the reign of *Henry* III. *Adam de Botefoy*, *John*, son of *Adam*, *Robert de Bokenham*, &c. held lands by knight's service of the prior; after this *John Trussbut* had an interest, and gave the church of *Shouldham All-Saints* to the prior; and *John*, son of *Adam de Fincham*, and *Thomas Rede*, sell to *Nicholas Trussbut* of *Shouldham*, and *Isabel* his wife, lands and messuages; *John Lok* and *John Rede*, burgesses of *Lynn*, conveyed messuages to them with many lands, and 8*s.* rent. *Thomas Trussbut*, Esq.[3] dying in 1451, left it to his son *William*, who dying *s. p.* it came to *Jane* his niece, daughter and heir of *John Trussbut*, his elder brother, who married *Thomas Colt*, Esq. and *George Colt*, Esq. in the 29th of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *Thomas Shouldham*, Esq. who soon after conveyed it to

[1] This salt pit probably was at Lynn, where this lord had a salt pit.

[2] Tre. Rad. Bainardi—Sculdeham ten. Ailid T. R. E. sep. 11 car. in d'nio. tc. 11 car. houm mo. 1. et dim. tc. xiiii. villi. mo. xv. ii. b. mo. xii. tc. iiii. s. sep. et x ac. p'ti. et tres part. mol. et 1 pisc. tc. 11. r. mo. 1 tc. vi. an. tc. xvi por. mo. viiii. tc. lx ovs. mo. l. 11 eccle. lxxiii ac. et vi sol. et 1*d.* tc. val. vii lib. et mo.—In alio Sculdeham ten. Ailid 11 car. in d'nio tc. viii. vill. mo. vi. tc. vii bor. mo. vi. tc. iiii. s. x ac. p'ti. et 1 salina. sep. 1 car. houm. tc. 11 r. et xv por. et lx. oves mo. nichil. tc. val. c. sol. mo. viii lib. huic man. jacent xv sochem'. de xxiiii ac. sep. dim. car. et sunt in sup'ior. censu. Totum Sculdeham ht. 1 leug. in long. et dim. in lato, et reddit xii*d.* de xx sol. de gelto regis.

[3] Of the Trussbuts see in Rungton-Holme.

Judge *Gawdy*, and so came to the Earl of *Warwick*, and to Sir *John Hare*, and was united to the priory manor.

SHOULDHAM'S MANOR IN SHOULDHAM AND IN MARHAM.

About a mile south-east of the town of *Shouldham*, stands an antique hall of free-stone, the south part of it is in the parish of *Shouldham*, and the north part of it in *Marham*. This was the ancient seat of the old family of *De Shouldham*, lords of this manor; Sir *William de Shouldham* was lord in the 34th of *Henry* III. *William de Sculdham* gave by deed, *sans* date, with the consent of his son *Richard*, lands in *Wigenhale* to *Bury* abbey.[4] The abbey of *Castleacre* had 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Simon*, son of *Hugh*, son of *Roger*, son of *Jeffrey de Sculdham*, confirmed to them by *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1260. This *Simon* was a knight. *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1250, gave license to him and his heirs to have a free chantry in his chapel, founded by consent of the prior and convent of *Westacre*, patrons of the vicarage, and rectors of *Marham*; by *Claricia* his wife, he was father of *Hugh de Sculdham*, lord in the reign of *Edward* I. From a curious roll in vellum, illuminated, and with the arms of *Shouldham*, *azure*, an eagle displayed, *or*, membered, &c. it appears that *Matilda* was then relict of this *Hugh*;[5] in 1301, she was buried in the church of *Marham*, and the prior of *Shouldham* received half a mark, (in right of his church of *Shouldham All-Saints*,) as a principal (or mortuary) for her.

In the reign of *Edward* II. *An.* 9, *Reyner de Sculdham* was lord. *Alice* his wife died 1336, when the prior received of *Richard*, son of *Reyner*, for *Alice* his mother, (buried at *Marham*,) an horse as a principal, she dying in the mansion house of *Reyner*, and in the limits or parish of the church of *All-Saints*, aforesaid, which limits (as is expressed) reach from a moiety of the said house, or messuage towards the south; and in the 29th of *Edward* III. the said *Richard* is called late lord of *Shouldham*, deceased, and left a son called *Richard*, son of *Richard*; *Richard* the father dying *An.* 18 *Edward* III.

In 1413, *John Shouldham* was lord, and performed homage to the prior, in the chapter-house of the priory, on *Sunday*, before the feast of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, in these words, "Her I become yoman from "this tyme forth, and truth shall you bear, and never arme again you "in land of peace, nor of werr, for lands and tenements which I "cleyme to hold of you be knyhtes service, so help me God and holy "*Dom.*" This *John* was one of those gentlemen of ancient coat-armour, who were returned to serve King *Henry* V. in his wars, *An.* 7.

Thomas Shouldham, Esq. was his son and heir, (by *Beatrix* his wife,) he lived at *Watlington*, and was there buried: by his will, dated *August* 30, 1467, he gives this lordship to *Margaret* his wife for life, with the manors of *Burnhame Depedale*, and *Watlington*, and on her death to *Hugh* his son, the manor of *Watlington*. *Margaret*, his wife, and

[4] Reg. Sacrist de Bury, fol. 53.—Regist. Castleac.—Regist. Norw. 10. f. 93.

[5] Evident Dni. Hare,

John Fincham executors.[6] *Thomas Schuldham* of *Marham*, Esq. his son and heir, married *Ela*, daughter and coheir of *William Narburgh* of *Narburgh*, Esq. who afterwards married *Henry Spilman*, Esq. and died lord: his will dated *January* 1471, proved in *April* 1472. *Thomas* his son, by *Ela*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of ~~*Thomas Thurkington*~~, Esq. of *Huntingdonshire*; by his will, made *August* 28, 1514, proved *September* 28 following, gives to his wife 10*l. per ann.* out of the manor of *Narburgh* for life, and the 3d part of his manor of *Marham*; appoints her, *John Spilman* his brother, and *John Fincham* executors, and Sir *Philip Tilney*, Knt. supervisor;[7] and was buried in the priory of *Pentney*.

John his son succeeded, who was found to die *November* 20, in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, and was buried at *Marham*, leaving 3 sons, *Humphrey*, *Edward* and *William*; *Humphrey*, the eldest, aged 40.[8]

Humphrey married in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *Anne*, daughter of *William Yelverton*, Esq. of *Rougham*, and dying in 1566, left *Anne*, his daughter and sole heir, who married *John Steward*, Esq. son of *Simeon Steward* of *Laknigheath* in *Suffolk*, which *John* died in the 2d of *James* I. on *February* 16, lord of this manor, and left issue, *John*, lord of *Braughing* in *Hertfordshire*, aged 22; *Francis* his son married *Roberta*, daughter and coheir of *Richard Hoo* of *Scarning* in *Norfolk*, Esq. and was father of *Hoo Steward*, Esq. who conveyed this lordship, as I take, it to the *Bedingfields*.

The will of *Humphrey* aforesaid is dated *March* 20, 1560; proved *March* 23, 1566; mentions therein his brother *Williams* and uncle *William Shouldham*.[9]

Daniel Bedingfield, Esq. and *Edmund Bedingfield*, recorder of *Lynn*, were lords; *Edmund* dying, *sans* issue, gave it to his nephew, *Christopher Bedingfield*, Esq. of *Wighton*, who leaving 3 daughters and coheirs, conveyed it to Sir *Thomas Hare*, Baronet, of *Stow*.

In some old writings the town is called *Market Shouldham*, and there was a considerable grammar-school. In 1462, the Bishop granted to *John Elvedon*, L.L.B. the mastership of it. There are two fairs kept yearly for horses, cows, &c. on *September* 8, and *Michaelmas* day, old style.

The 10ths were 8*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 2*l.* The lete was in the *Hares* of *Stow*, the fee 2*s.*

SHOULDHAM PRIORY.

The priory of *Shouldham* was founded by *Jeffrey Fitz-piers* Earl of *Essex*, and dedicated to the Holy Cross and the Blessed Virgin, for a prior, canons, and nuns of the order of St. *Gilbert* of *Sempringham*, who endowed the said house with the manor of *Shouldham* and its members in *Caneham*, *Wyrham*, *Wrotton*, *Boketon*, *Stokeferry*, *Carboysthorp*, *Foston*, *Stradeset*, *Totenhille*, *Watlyngton*, *Wallyngton*, *Bekeswell*, *Fordham*, *Welle*, *Wygenhale*, *Seche*, *Sadlebowe*, *Clenchwarton*,

[6] Regr. Betyns, Norw. f. 137—Regr. Jekkes.—f. 100.
[7] Regr. Spirling Norw. et Regr. Brusyard fol. 328.
[8] Regr. Wilkins. f. 56.
[9] Regr. Byrcham. Norw.

Low, and *Wrangle*, excepting 120 acres of demean, arable lands, a capital messuage with gardens, a park, and pasture for 100 sheep, and 10 cows, the homage and service of his free tenants in *Shouldham*, which he kept in his own hands; and by the consent of *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, he also gave and appropriated to them the churches of *All-Saints*, and St. *Margaret's* in *Shouldham*, the churches of *Carbysthorpe*, *Stokeferry* and *Wyrham*, with their appertenances, which he held of *Richard* Earl of *Clare*. The original deed of gift being in *Dugdale's* Monasticon Anglican. I shall not here transcribe, but only observe that the witnesses to it were *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Bishop of *Norwich*, *Walter*, abbot of *Waltham*, *Roger Bigod*, &c.[1] by which it appears that it was founded before the year 1201, in which year *Walter* the abbot died.

This *Jeffrey* married to his first wife *Beatrix* eldest daughter and coheir of *William de Say*, son and heir of *William Say* and *Beatrix* his wife, daughter of *William*, and sister to *Jeffrey Mandevile* Earl of *Essex*, in whose right the said *Jeffrey Fitz-piers* (the family of *Mandevile* being extinct) was, on the coronation of King *John*, created Earl of *Essex*, and held many great lordships, *Maud*, the other sister (and coheir) of the said *Beatrix*, being married to *William de Bocland*. This *Jeffrey* was a person of great power and authority in that age, and chief justitiary of *England*, and dying on the second of *October*, 1212, was buried in this priory, where, on the foundation of it, he had removed the body of his wife *Beatrix*, who died in child-bed, and was buried at first in the priory of *Chicksand* in *Bedfordshire*.—His character in history is agreeable to his station; his death is said to be the general loss of the whole nation, being a firm pillar thereof, generous and skillful in the laws, and allied to all the great men of *England*, either in blood or friendship, so that King *John* feared him above all mortals, for it was he that held the reigns of governvent, and after his death, the realm was like a ship tost in a tempest without a pilot. *Holingshed* says that this epitaph was inscribed on his monument:

Hoc in sarcophago sepelitur Regis Imago,
Qui moriens, multum sedavit in orbe tumultum.
Et cui correcta dum vixit probra manebant,
Hunc mala post mortem timor est ne fata sequantur
Qui legis hæc m'tuens, dum cernis te moriturum
Discito quid rerum pariat tibi meta dierum.[2]

The said *Jeffrey Fitz-piers* Earl of *Essex* gave to this priory in pure alms, to find lights in the church of the priory, and wine to consecrate the body and blood of our Saviour, 12 shops with rooms over them, in the parish of St. *Mary* of *Colechirch* in *London*.[3] *Jeffrey*, son and

[1] Dugd Mon. Angl. vol. i. p. 703 705.—Vol. ii. p. 820.

[2] Holings. p. 1071.

[3] Sciant p'sentes et futuri quod Ego Galfridus filius Petri Com. Excess. dedi Deo et eccles. Ste. Marie de Schuldham et canon. et monial. ibidem Deo servientibus pro salute animæ meæ et pro salu- et anim. Regis Henrici et Regis Richardi et anim. patris et matris meæ, &c. in puram et p'petuam elemos ad luminaria invenienda in prædictâ eccles. et ad vinum inveniend. ad consecrationem Dom. corporis et sanguinis, duodecim soppas cum soliis quas habui in paroch. Ste. Marie de Colechyrch ex opposito† soppar inter venellam jacentem inter easd. sopp. et prædict. eccles. de Colchyrch versus occident. et venellam jacentem inter illas sopp. et capellam beatæ Marie

† Or Shoppar.

heir, assumed the name of *Mandevill*, and was Earl of *Esser*, and died *sans* issue. *William de Maundevill* Earl of *Essex*, second son of the founder, confirmed the gift of his father, and gave to this house all the messuage and demean lands, homages and services of free tenants, which his father reserved and kept in his own hands, and was buried at *Shouldham*.[4]

Roger Earl of *Clare* confirmed the same as capital lord of the fee, saving to himself and his heirs, the service of one knight's fee and an half, and suit of court once a year at *Clare*, after the feast of St. *Michael*, by the prior or his attorney.—Witnesses, *Ralph Bucell*, *Geffrey* son of *Laurence*, *Matthew le Butler*, &c.

Christiana de Maundeville Countess of *Essex*, widow of *William* Earl of *Essex*, gave to this house by deed, *sans* date, a marsh at *Wlferton*, and 13 acres and one rood of land called *Schepe* land.[5]

Hermerus de Bekeswell, son of *William de Bekeswell*, by deed *sans* date, gave to this priory a tenement, which *Walter*, son of *Jeffrey de Marham* held of him in *Schuldham*. Witnesses, *Hugh*, dean of *Fincham*, *Jeffrey Fitz-peter* of *Shouldham*, *Osbert de Stradeset*, *Walter de Wyrham*, &c. The patronage of this priory continued in the eldest branch of the founder's family, till the death of *William de Maundeville* Earl of *Essex*, second son of the founder, by his first wife *Beatrix*, in the 23d of *Henry* III. who was buried (as his elder brother had been) in this priory; and then it descended to the second branch of the founder's family, by his second wife *Aveline*, and his great grandson (by the said *Aveline*) *Richard* Lord *Fitz-John* dying, *sans* issue, in *France*, in the 25th of *Edward* I. it came to *William de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, who married *Maud*, eldest sister and coheir of the said *Richard*, as will appear more fully from the ensuing pedigree of the founder and his family.

In *Wygenhale* this house held 64 acres of pasture, which was given at the Dissolution, by King *Edward* VI. to *Roger le Strange*, and in *Wygenhale*, St. *Peter's*, they had a manor valued in 1428, at 10*l.* 5*s.* 1*d. per ann.* which in 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary* was given to *John Perrot*, Knt.

de Crinegehop versus orient. Hiis testibus. Galf. de Botelar, decano eccles. Sti. Martini Lond. Willo. de Boteler, Hen. de Say, Joh. de Chanz, Rado. Claondon, &c.——Inter Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, Bti.

[4] Sciant Universi Christi fideles, &c. quod Ego Willi. de Maundevill Com. Excess dedi, &c. Deo et eccles beateMarie de Schuldeham, et s'cis monialibus et fratribus ear' clericis et laicis ibid. Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ et Galfridi filii Petri patris mei et Beatricis de Say, matris meæ, et Galfridi de Maundeville fratris mei, necnon pro salute animæ meæ et Mariæ uxoris meæ totum manerium meum de Schuldeham, cum omnibus terris et tenementis homageis et servitiis liberor' hominum meorum et libertatibus sine aliquo retinemento quæ vel quas Galfridus, filius Petri Com. Excess. pater meus in manu sua retinuit, et cum omnibus membris ad ejusd. maner. pertinent. viz. Cavenham, Wyrham, Wrotton, Stokefery, Quittendon, Northwold, Boketon, Marham, Fincham, Stradesete, Thorp, Fosston, Bekeswell, Walyngton, Watlyngton, Totenhall, Sechyth, Fordham, Wigenhall, Sadlebow, Clenchwarton, Seche, Welle, Walsyngham, London, Wrangle, et Lenn, &c. Hiis testibus Dno. Humfrido de Bohun, Com. Hertfordi, Galfrido de Lucy, Willo. de Bellocampo, Jaco. de Calee, Hug. de Pincerna, &c.—Evid. Dni. Tho. Hare Bti.

[5] Christiana de Maundevill Comitissa Excess. salutem. —— Noveritis me in viduitate et pura potestate mea, &c. concessisse pro salute animæ meæ et animâ Will. de Maundeville quond. —Dni. et viri mei totum mariscum quod habui in ——————de Wlferton cum pastura ejusd. et tresdecim, et 1 rod. terr. arab. vocat. schepeland. Evid &c.

In the 12th of *Edward* I. a fine was levied by which *Richard de Brandon* and *Agnes* his wife, gave to the prior of *Schouldham*, lands in *South Lynn*.

William Wygenhale aliened to the prior of *Shouldham*, 6 acres of land in *Wygenhale*, 20 in *Stokeferry*, one acre and 3 roods in *Wyrham*, one in *Shouldham*, and the rent of 6*s*. with the manors of *Wigenhale*, *Stokeferry*, *Wretton*, *Wyrham*, and *Shouldham*, also a messuage, and 30 acres in *Wyrham*, and a messuage and 34 acres in *Shouldham*, *Anno.* 6 *Edward* II.

This *William Beauchamp (a)** Earl of *Warwick*, who married *Maud*, the eldest sister and coheir of *Richard* Lord *Fitz-John*, is said by Sir *William Dugdale*[6] to have two daughters, nuns, in this house, at his death: and the said author asserts that *Guy*, eldest son to *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick*, by his last will, dated 26 *September*, in the 33d of *Edward* III. gave the church of *Necton* in *Norfolk*, in his patronage, to be appropriated to the monastery of *Shouldham*, for the maintenance of *Catharine* and *Elizabeth*, nuns there, during their lives, and after their decease, the said house was obliged to find a priest to sing divine service, daily, for the souls of his father and mother, his own, his wife *Philippa*, daughter of *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby*, and also for the souls of the said *Catharine* and *Elizabeth;* but this is a mistake.[8] *Henry* Duke of *Warwick* dying in 1446, and his daughter and heir *Ann* dying a minor, the patronage of this priory came to *Richard Nevill*, the great Earl of *Warwick*, by the marriage of *Ann*, sister and sole heir to the aforesaid Duke; and after the death of this Earl, *Ann*, his Countess, conveyed (as I take it) the patronage of this house, together with many lordships, to King *Henry* VII. in the 3d year of his reign, and it remained in the Crown at the Dissolution.

This priory being of the order of St. *Gilbert*, it may not be improper to give some *passant* account of the founder and order. This *Gilbert* was born at *Sempringham* in *Lincolnshire*, his father's name was *Jocelinus*, of *Norman* extraction, and having large possessions there, sent his son into *France* for the improvement of his learning; and on his return home was presented by his father to the churches of *Sempringham* in *Lincolnshire*, and *Tirington* in *Norfolk*. After this he was chaplain to *Alexander* Bishop of *Lincoln*, by whom he was ordained priest. About this time he became exemplary for his piety, despised all worldly honours, &c. and refused to be an archdeacon in the church of *Lincoln*. He flourished in the reign of King *Henry* I. and in that reign began his order in this manner: seven young virgins, moved by his devotion, voluntarily left the world, and confined themselves in a solitary habitation adjoining to the north wall of the church of *Sempringham*, submitted to his government, and direction.[9] Their apartment had but one door kept locked, their diet and relief they received in at a window; for the assistance of these, *Gilbert* appointed certain lay sisters, and for the outward service of the house, certain lay brothers; from this beginning, this order encreased to many monasteries: and Pope *Eugenius* appointed him the master or gover-

* See the Pedigree, *(a.)*

[6] Dugd. Baron. V. i. p. 314. Dugd. Hist. Warwicks. p. 319.

[8] The rectory of Necton was appropriated to Westacre priory, and not Shouldham, and the account is faulty.—See Necton.

[9] Dugd. Mon. Ang. vol. ii. p. 669, &c.

MAUNDEVILLE'S PEDIGREE.

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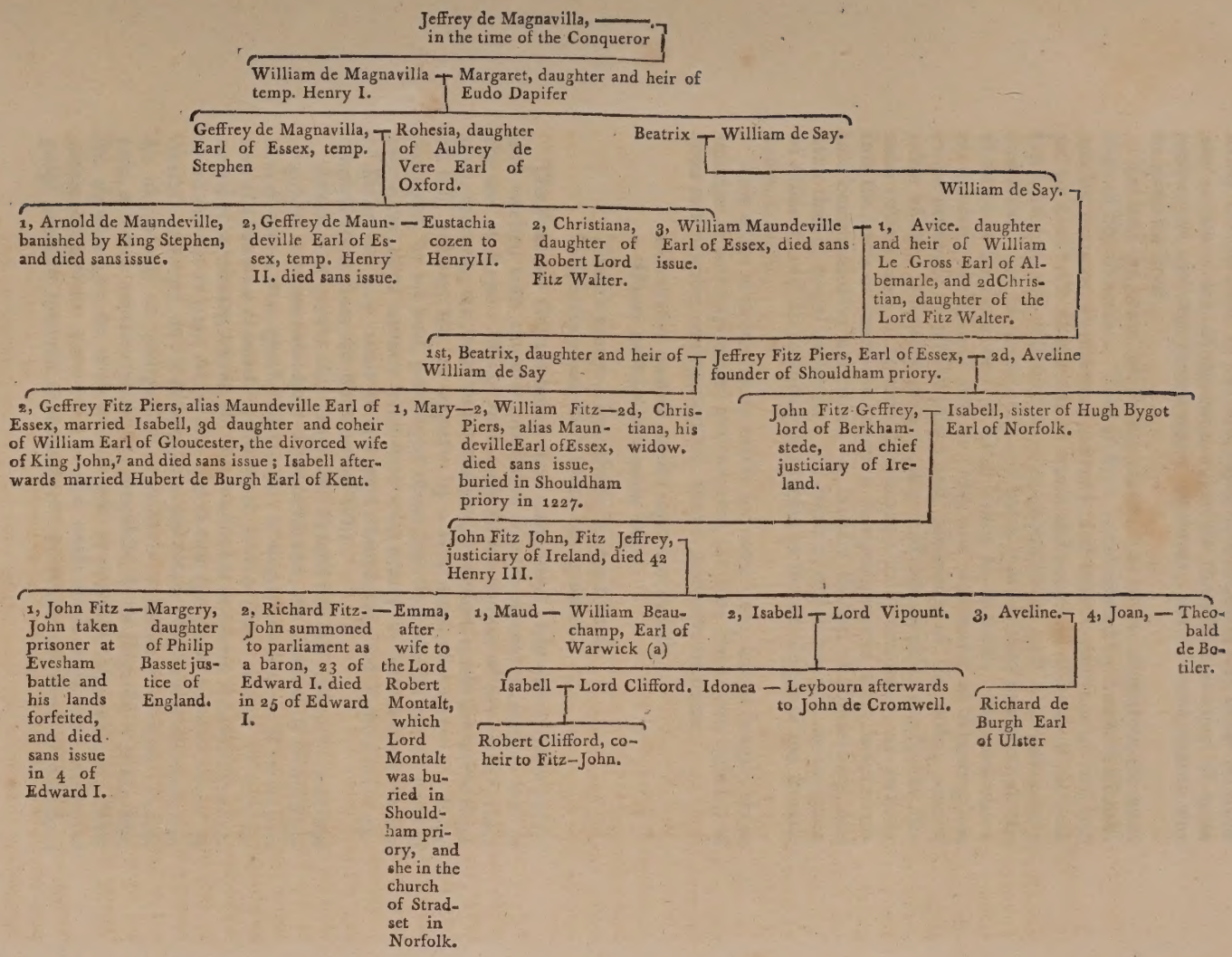


7 Historians differ about the name of this divorced Queen, Grafton calls her Havvilla;—Baker, Avice;—Camden, Isabell; and that the King sold her for 20,000, marks to this Jeffrey.

nour of the order. To assist him in the office of superinspection, he appointed clerks who were to take part of the care of the government of his nunneries, and this was the original of the canons of this order. These canons were to live in a separate habitation and never to have any access to that of the nuns, unless for the administration of some sacrament, and that before many witnesses; but the same church was to serve for both.

Yet had they two rules; the canons that of St. *Augustine*, the nuns that of St. *Benedict*. This *Gilbert* is celebrated by monkish historians for his great abstinence, sanctity, and other austerities of life, but yet he could not escape the censures and scandals of some of his own lay brethren, which indeed were unavoidable in such a mixed society and order; but his innocency and merit was certified by almost all the Bishops of *England*, and by King *Henry* II. himself. He lived above an hundred years, and died in 1189, and was buried at *Sempringham* in the presence of all the priors and prioresses of his order, several other abbots, and noble persons, &c. Many miracles are by the *Romish* votaries said to be wrought through his intercession: an enquiry into the truth of them was made at *Sempringham* in 1201, before certain commissioners appointed by *Hubert* Bishop of *Canterbury*, and after that by papal authority; the result of which was the canonization of *Gilbert*, and the inserting his name in the catalogue of the *Romish* saints in 1202.

This order maintained its credit for some time, but at length, these epicene or hermaphrodite monasteries, (as they have been called,) of men and women, so degenerated, that a poet says of them

Vix mulier quævis sterilis reperitur in illis,
Donec eis ætas talia posse neget.

There's scarce a nun that's barren found,
'Till sixty years she's stood her ground.

The founder *Gilbert* being thus canonized, his order grew great, and swelled with singular privileges from temporal princes as well as the see of *Rome*. King *John* took all the houses of this order, their men, servants, &c. into his immediate protection, made them free from all toll, tribute, &c. as appears by a very particular charter. Pope *Innocent*, by his bull, privileged them that they should not be carried above two days journey from their own priory, by letters from the see of *Rome*, on any cause or account whatsoever, and Pope *Lucius* exempted them from the payment of tithe.

Johan. Dei gratia Rex Angl. &c. Sciatis nos &c. cepisse in nostram propriam manum custodiam et protectionem, &c. domum de Simplingeham et omnes dom. ejusd. ordinis, &c. et magistrum ordinis et omnes priores et canonicos et sanct. moniales et fratres illius ordinis et homines eorum et servientes, terras, &c. quare volumus ut omnia tenementa sua teneant bene et in pace, &c. et sint quieti tam ipsi quam homines eorum in civitate et burgo, &c. et in omn. locis per totam Angliam et Normaniam, &c. de thelonis, &c. vectigalibus et tributis et Xeniis et exercitu et equitatu, &c. et de omnibus geldis, &c. fengeldis, &c. et fotgeldis et penigeldis, &c. de chevagio, &c. et de averiis suis in namium capiendis, &c. Silvæ eorum ad p'dicta opera vel ulla alia nullo modo capiantur. Habeant quoq; prædicti canonici et monial. et fratres curiam suam et justitiam

cum saka, &c. ordel et org; infra tempus et extra. &c. præterea concedimus, &c. ut cum magistri eorum obierint, &c. cura et custodia p'dicti ordinis tam domorum quam grangiarum atq; ecclesiar. &c. in custodia et regimine priorum sit quousq; summus prior illor. eligatur, &c. Prohibemus etiam ut nullus vir seu minister seu aliqua persona, &c. infra elemosynas suas hominem capere, verberare, ligare, interficere vel sanguinem fundere, seu rapinam aut aliquam molestiam facere audeat, neq; averia eor. de terr. elemosynæ suæ aliquis in namium capere p'sumat sup' foris facturam nostram, non nativos vel fugitivos suos vel catella eor. aliquis detineat, non homines venientes ad molendina sua impediat, sed sint quieti de omnibus consuet. &c. excepta sola justitia vitæ et membri, &c. neq; in placita ponentur nisi in præsentia nostra vel hered. nostror.——Testib; Willo. Comite Pembroch. &c. Dat. per manu Hub. Cantuar. Archiep. Cancellar. nostri apud Rothomag. 7 die Sept. an. regni nostri primo. ——In Turre Lond. Antiq. Chart. fasiculo B. Charta 21.——*Innocentius Ep. &c. dilectis filiis——de Rievallis et ———— de Bellelandia abbat. Cisterc. ordo. Eboracens. dioceseos salut. &c. Gregorius p. p. predecessor noster et nos postmodum ad instar ipsius, magist. et fratribus ord. de Sempringham ne ultra duas pluresve dietas a domu sua per literas apostolicas trahi possint in causam duxerimus miserecorditèr indulgendum, nonnulli tamen ad principalem domum de Sempring. et magist. et fratres ejusd. tantum apostol. indulgent. p'dictam interpretantur, illam reliquis dom. et fratr. præd. ord. non prodesse, &c. Nos authoritate literar. nostrar. decernimus quod ead. indulgentia ad omnes domos priores et fratres ipsius ord. se extendit, &c. Quo circa discretioni vestræ, &c. mandamus quatinus præfatos magist. et priores et fratres non permittatis contra constitut. nost. sup. hiis ab aliquibus indebite molestari, molestatores, &c. per censuram ecclesiast. appellatione postposita compescendo, non obstante constitutione de duabis dietis edita in concilio generali. Dat. Lugdun. 8 Kal. Julii pontif. nostri sexto.*——Inter Collection. Pet. Le Neve, Armig.

Lucius epis. servus, &c. Venerabil. fratribus Cantuariens. Archiepisco. et universis Episcopis per Angliam constitutis salut. &c. Significárunt nobis dilecti filii nostri canonici et moniales ord. de Sempringham quod cum eis sicut fratribus Cisterciens. ord. indultum sit de Clementia sedis apostol. ut de laboribus suis quos propriis manibus vel sumptibus excolunt nemini decimas solvere teneantur, quidem ecclesiastici viri capitulum pravâ et sinistra interpretatione pervertunt, &c. Et sic contra privilegium sedis apostol. p'dicti canonici et moniales decimar. exactione gravantur. Quia igitur horum interpretatio ab intellectu nostro et aliorum qui id sane intelligere volunt est penitus aliena, cum secundum capitulum illud a solutione decimar. tam de terris quas deduxerunt vel deducunt ad cultum, quam etiam de terris cultis quas ipsi propriis manibus vel sumptibus excolunt liberi sint et immunes fraternitati et discretioni vestræ per apostol. scripta mandamus quatinus a prædictis canon. et monial. qui in episcopal. vel parochiis vestris consistent de laboribus vel de terris suis quas propriis manibus vel sumptibus excolunt, nullatenus exigatis nec ab aliquibus exigi permittatis, &c. Si qui autem clerici vel laici contra privilegia sed. apostol. eos decimar. exactione gravaverint laicos excommunicationis sententiâ percellatis et clericos contradictione et appellatione cessante ob officio suspendatis, et tam excommun. quam suspensionis sententiam faciatis usq; ad dignam satisfactionem, inviolabiliter observari. ——*Dat. Velletr. 15 Kal. Julii, &c.*

The prior had a charter for free warren, in the 33d of *Henry* III. in all his demean lands. The nuns of the church of St. *Mary* of *Shouldham*, had a confirmation of their privileges 38 *Edward* III.

14 *Edward* I. *Walric Le Merchand* of *Thorp*, and *Alice* his wife, gave by fine to *Benedict* the prior, lands in *Shouldham*, and *Garboisthorp* by fine.

Thomas, vicar of *Fincham*, aliened to the prior 28 acres of moor in *Wolfreton*, *An.* 15 *Richard* II. The nuns had temporalities in *Norwich*, and taxed 4*d. ob. q.* for tenths 1428

Alice Brown, late wife of *Richard Brown*, merchant, of *Norwich*, left by will to the repair of the nuns church, and place at *Shouldham*, in 1464, 5 marks. *Regist. Cobald Norw. fol.* 68.

But these mighty privileges could not screen them from that general dissolution in the reign of *Henry* VIII. for on the 15th of *October*, 1539, *Robert Swift* the prior, with 9 canons and 7 nuns, surrendered this house into the King's hands, valued then at 171*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* as *Speed*, and as *Dugdale*, 138*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*[1]

On their dissolution *John Holme*, *John More*, and *Richard Fuller*, canons, confessed and were found to be incontinent. *Joan Plumstead peperit ante introitum. Marg. Pemberton peperit ex presbytero. Compend. Comportor.*

At which time the King was pleased to grant pensions to them for their annual subsistence, and in 1533, here remained in charge these, *viz.*

Laurence Russell, priest, dwelling in *Great Bircham*, *Norfolk*, a White-friar in *Shouldham*, unmarried, hath a pension of 4 marks paid him yearly, also 4*l. per ann.* for serving the cure of *Bircham*, besides his meat and drink.[2]

William Thorp, 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

Elizabeth Fincham, 5*l. per ann.*

Joan Plumstead, 2*l. per ann.* dwelling in the parish of St. *Margaret* in *Norwich*, lately supprioress of *Shouldham*, living continently; this pension is paid to her at two terms in the year by equal portions, and hath nothing besides the same pension to live upon, and is reputed and taken to be a good catholick woman.

Jane Dereham, 2*l. per ann.*

Margaret Pemberton, 2*l. per ann.*

Catharine Digby, 2*l. per ann.*

Margaret Skewer, 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.* dwelling in St. *Peter's* at *Manscroft*, in *Norwich*; one of the sisters of *Shouldham*.

Fayth Smith, dwelling in *Fakenham*, *Norfolk*, unmarried, lately a nun in *Shouldham*, hath 2*l. per ann.* paid her, and is a catholick woman.

This priory being thus surrendered into the King's hands, it remained in the Crown till King *Edward* VI. on the 6th of *May* in the 7th year of his reign, sold (as has been observed) the manor of this town, and the site of this dissolved priory, with all the messuages, granges, &c. belonging to it in *Shouldham*, for 1049*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.* to *Thomas Myldmay*, Esq. and by Sir *Thomas* his son, it was sold in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, to *Gawdy*, and so descended to the Earl of *Warwick*, and came to Sir

[1] Burnet's History of the Reformation, vol. i. B. 3. p. 130. Steph. Addit. to Monast. Vol. i. p. 28.

[2] Certificat. de Pension. Mss. Miscell. in Regist. Princ. Norwic. p. 25. Willis, Hist. of Abbies. V. p. 131.

John Hare, as is already shown; Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being the late lord and owner.

PRIORS.

William occurs prior in the 35th of *Henry* III.[3]

Richard, prior about the end of the said King's reign.

Benedict occurs prior in the 14th of *Edward* I.[4]

Robert de Syvington occurs prior *July* 10, 1387, when a deed was signed by him for a pension of 23*s.* 4*d.* to the Bishop of *Norwich*, on appropriating the church of *Caster Trinity*.

Nicholas Feriby occurs in 1413:[5] a cause then depending between this prior and the rector of *Fincham* St. *Michael*, about a pension of 40*s. per ann.* due to the priory.

Thomas occurs prior, 1439.

Hugh Hull occurs in 14 of *Henry* VI. as appears from a deed bearing date on *Sunday* before the feast of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, in that year.[6]

John occurs prior in the 14th and 34th of *Henry* VI.[6]

John Wenham in the 34th of *Henry* VI.[7]

John occurs prior (5 of *Edward* IV.) of St. *Mary's* of *Shouldham*.

Thomas Stanton, occurs in 1479; and in 1 493, *Thomas* prior presented to the church of *Fincham* St. *Michael*.[8]

John Edmond, on the 18th of *February*, 1502, he being then prior, was instituted into the rectory of *Fincham* St. *Michael*, presented by the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, and died in 1504.[9]

John Bray occurs in the 9th of *Henry* VIII. as appears by a deed dated 10 of *July* in that year.[1]

Robert Swift occurs in the 34th of *Henry* VIII. and was the last prior; he surrendered it with 9 canons and 7 nuns, *October* 15, 1534.[1]

Anna, occurs prioress 1453.

The seal of this priory was oblong, of red wax, the impress was of the Blessed *Virgin*, (as I take it,) standing on the right side of the shield, and on the left an angel with his right wing elevated above his shoulder, and the left wing depressed, having a scroll before him, (probably the words of the salutation,) the legend, *Sigillum prioris et conventus de Suldham.*

[3] Copy of Derh. Abb. Ledger Book, penes Magist. Tho. Martin de Pagrave, Suff.
[4] Lib. Instit. Norw.
[5] Lib. Instit. Norw. hoc an.
[6] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, Bti.
[7] Regist. Abbat. Rames. p. 124, penes Dom. Tho. Hare, Btu.
[8] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare Bti.—Lib Instit. Norw. hoc anno.
[9] Lib. Instit. Norw.
[1] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, Bti.

Churches appropriated to this Priory.

Souldham All-Saints; out of this a pension of 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.* was paid to the Bishop of *Norwich*, and *John Trussbut* conveyed by fine to *Benedict* the prior, *An.* 10 *Edward* I. his interest therein.

Shouldham St. *Margaret;* the same pension paid here.

Wigenhale St. *Peter's;* a mediety and the same pension paid.

Stoke All-Saints; the same pension paid.

Wyrham; the same pension paid.

Carlton St. *Peter's;* a pension of 12*s. per ann.* paid by the Bishop.

All these churches were given to this priory by the founder, and appropriated to this house by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

Stanford; the rectory appropriated in 1301, the gift of *William de Mortemer* of *Attleburgh*, and a vicar, was then settled,[2] whom the prior and convent presented, and the Bishop of *Norwich* nominated.

Fincham St. *Martin;* the rectory appropriated to this house in 1350, and a vicar was settled, and a pension to be paid by the prior and convent of 26*s.* and 8*d. per ann.* to the Bishop, the vicar to be presented by the prior and convent;[3] this was, as I conceive, the gift of the Lord *Bardolf*.

Castor Holy *Trinity*, in *Flegg*, appropriated in 1387, on *July* 10, given by the Lord *Bardolf*, and a vicarage settled, to which the prior presented, and the Bishop nominated.

The temporalities of the prior and convent in *Shouldham*, were valued at 90*l.* 15*s.* 5*d. ob.* in the year 1428, and the spiritualities in *Shouldham All-Saints*, and St. *Margaret*, at sixteen marks and an half.

The sum of all their spiritualities and temporalities in the county of *Norfolk*, was valued in the said year at 181*l.* 1*s.* 6*d. q.*

The spiritualities of the abbot of *Westminster*, a portion of tithe here, in 1428, 1*l.* 10*s.*

Hugh, son of *Roger de Suldham*, by deed, *sans* date, gave to the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, an acre of meadow in *Suldham*, in a field called *Midlehallmere*, toward the west, near a field which was *William* Earl of *Mandevile's*.[4] Witnesses, *Jeffrey*, son of *Peter de Suldham*, *Walter*, son of *Jeffrey de Marham*. *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich*, 1165, confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithes of the demean of *Simon*, son of *Hugh*, *Roger*, son of *Jeffrey*, *Roger Trussbut*, *Thomas de Greville*, *William*, son of *Lambert*, of the land of *Theobald*.

Nicholas, prior of *Castleacre*, and *John*, prior of *Shouldham*, agree on the 1st of *November*, in the 5th of *Edward* IV. that whereas formerly the house of *Shouldham* was wont to pay to that of *Castleacre*, the yearly rent of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for certain tithes as well great as small in *Shouldham*, *Wyrham*, *Buketon*, and *Stanford*, which they had of the said prior of *Castleacre*, from the time that no man remembers; by this agreement, the house of *Shouldham* was only to pay the yearly rent of 4*l.* and to be exempt from paying the remainder, 13*s.* and 4*d.*

[2] Lib. Instit. Norw.
[3] Lib. Instit. Norw. an. 1350.
[4] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 81. b. et fol. 138.

SHOULDHAM ALL-SAINTS. At this time there is but one church standing in *Shouldham*, at the east end of the town in the fields, which as I conceive, is the church of *All-Saints*. It consists of a nave, in length about 69 feet, and in breadth about 24, and on the south side of this nave is a small chapel, about 15 feet in length, and 10 in breadth, in a window there are some remains of this shield (*Plate I. Fig.* 18.) *sable*, a fess dauncette, between three mullets pierced, *argent*, *Wesenham*.—This chapel was probably dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, for mention is made of that chapel in the church of *All-Saints* in *Shuldham* in 1504.[5] At the east end of this nave is the chancel, about 34 feet in length, and about 25 feet in breadth; the roof of this is of oak, as is that of the nave, which is boarded between the spars, and covered with reed. At the west end of the nave stands a four-square broad tower of rag stone, &c. with which the church is built, coped with quoins of free stone, and embattled with brick; in this tower hang four bells. On the top of the west wall of the church-yard, near the tower, lies several large grave stones, probably brought from the abbey, at, or since the Dissolution, and serving for coping stones to preserve the wall; on these are the insignia of a Knight Templar, the cross pattée on the head of a staff.

The church was appropriated, as has been observed, to the priory of *Shouldham* in the reign of King *John*; and in the beginning of King *Edward* I. reign, we find that the prior then held it and received all the tithes as well great as small from 60 houses belonging to it, the houses of *Simon de Dulyngham* and *Stephen de Schuldham* being excepted, out of whose demesnes the prior of *Castleacre* took two garbs, and the prior of *Shouldham* the 3d garb. *Peter*-pence, 8*d.*; it was then valued, together with the church of St. *Margaret*, and *Castleacre* portion, at 16 marks. In 1603, *Richard Harison* served the cure, when there were 192 communicants here, and in *Garboisthorp*, alias *Shouldham Thorp*.

ST. MARGARET'S SHOULDHAM. The site of this church is at present unknown; it is probable that it fell about the dissolution of the priory: that it was standing in 1519, appears from the will of *John Ryches*, who bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. *Margaret* at *Shuldham*, dated 1st *March*, in the said year.[6] This church was also appropriated to the priory and convent, who received all the tithes great and small. Both the churches were served by one of their canons, or some stipendiary priest, till the Dissolution, when they came to the Crown, and from King *Edward* VI. to *Thomas Myldmay*, after to *Gawdy*, *Rich*, and *Hare*; and Sir *George Hare*, as lord of *Shouldham*, &c. has both the impropriations, and finds a curate for the parish; it was valued with *All-Saints*. *Peter*-pence, 6*d.*

There were anciently in the church of *Shouldham*, (but which church is not mentioned,) these shields and arms:[7]

Scales;—*Beauchamp*, quartering *Clare*, *Nevill*, and *Montague*;—*Monthermer* with a label, *azure*; *sable* a chevron, *argent*, quartereth the Lord *Spencer*; *azure*, an eagle spread, *or*, beaked, and ped.

[5] Regist. Popye Norw. p. 533.
[6] Regist. Coppinger. p. 35.
[7] Mss. penes. Joh. Anstis. Garter Kg. at Arms, mark'd E. 26. fol. 13. b.

gules;[8]--*argent*, and *gules*, lozengie, *Tudenham*; *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, a mullet on his shoulder;[9] *sable*, a fess dancy, between three mullets, *argent*;[1]—*gyronne* of eight pieces *ermine* and *azure*, *Trusbut*; quarterly *azure* and *gules* on a bend *argent*, three boars passant, *sable*, *Gryse*.

SHOULDHAM THORP.

In the grand survey, or *Domesday book*, it is called *Carboisthorp*, from a clear stream of water or rivulet, arising here and running to *Fincham*, &c. thus *Carbroke*, and *Bo Isse*, a winding water, as *Hobois*, *Boethorp*, or *Boesthorp*, &c. *Hermerus de Ferrariis* (of whom see in *Wermegay*) had seized on 80 acres of land, and 5 of meadow, possessed by 11 freemen, and the moiety of another, with a bordarer and 3 carucates valued at 17*s*. and the moiety of the church endowed with 16 acres valued at 12*d*.[2]

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Alexander le Moyne*, or *Monk*, &c. held it of the Lord *Bardolf*, Baron of *Wirmegey*, and after them the *Russels*. In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Nicholas Russel* held it, and paid yearly, a pair of gloves. *Ralph Russel* was lord in the 20th of *Richard* II. *Nicholas Seman* and *John Sewel* kept their court here in the 19th of *Henry* VIII. after this it came to the *Harpleys*; *Thomas Harpley*, junior, of this town, and *Dorothy* his wife, sold it to the *Gawsells*. *Thomas Gawsell* and *Richard Godbold*, held their first court on *April* 10, *An.* 8 *Elizabeth*, and *William Butts*, Gent. son and heir of *William*, kept his first court *September* 27, *An.* 11 *Elizabeth*. *William Butts*, his father, married *Ursula*, relict of *Richard Gawsell*, Esq. of *Watlington*, and presented to that church in her right in 1563.

William Butts, Esq. by his will, dated *March* 21, 1624, was buried in this church near to his mother, his father being also here buried: on his death the estate came to his brother *Leonard*, who conveyed it to Sir *John Hare*, and lately possessed by Sir *George Hare*, Bart.

Another part of *Hermerus's* fee was held by a family that assumed their name from this town. In the 54th of *Henry* III. *Walter de Thorp*, conveyed to *Gilbert de Thorp* 2 carucates of land with lands in *Bekeswell*, and in the 11th of King *John*, *Emma Belet* sued *Eda de Thorp* for certain customs and services, &c. and for finding a man 3 days in harvest with meat and drink, to preside over the reapers with his rod or wand.

Martin de Thorp, and *Reginald* his son, in the 7th of *Edward* III. sold it to *Adam de Fincham*, with 2 messuages, 54 acres of land, 10 of pasture here, in *Stradset*, &c. 11*s*. 7*d*. with foldages, homages, ward, &c. and *John Fincham* was lord in the 16th of *Richard* II. and then

[8] Arms of Shouldham.
[9] Arms of Walkfar.
[1] Wesenham.
[2] Invas. Hermeri de Ferrariis.—In Carboisthorp. xi. lib. hoes. et dim. lxxx. ac. tre. et v.ac. pti i. bor. tc. iii. car. mo. ii. et val. xviis. &c. dim. ecclie. xvi. ac. val. xiid.

alienated lands here to *Ely* priory. Afterwards it came to *Judge Gawdy*, so to the Earl of *Warwick*, Sir *John Hare*, &c. as above.

Rainald son of *Ivo*, had at the survey in this town called *Thorp*, one socman, who possessed 2 acres valued at 3*d*.[3]

This came to the Earls of *Clare*, and was part of the priory manor of *Shouldham*.

Ralph, Lord *Bainard*, had a grant of the lands here and in *Totenhill*, which 22 freemen and the moiety of another were deprived of, who held under *Ailid*, in the time of the Confessor, 110 acres, and a carucate in demean, valued at 40*s*. in the whole it was 4 furlongs long and 3 broad, and paid 6*d*. gelt, and *Ralph* claimed it by an exchange.[4]

Of this *Ailid* see also in *Shouldham*. On the rebellion of *William* Lord *Bainard*, against King *Henry* I. this lordship came after from the Crown by grant, to the Earls of *Clare*, and being held of them by *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, was granted to his priory of *Shouldham*. On the dissolution of that monastery it came with the priory to *Thomas Myldmay*, afterwards sold to Judge *Gawdy*, so came to the Earl of *Warwick*, and to Sir *John Hare*, Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being the late lord.

The tenths were 2*l*. 16*s*. Deducted 6*s*. 8*d*. Temporalities of *Shouldham* priory, 8*l*. 14*s*. 10*d*. Of *Wirmegay*, 12*s*. Lete in Sir *George Hare*, Baronet, fee 2*s*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, has a nave, and chancel covered with lead, the tower was at the west end, with three bells, and fell down in 1724; at the west end of the nave (which is about 49 feet long, and 21 broad,) lies a large marble gravestone, and had a brass plate on it:

Orate p. aiab; Tho. Foston et Margarete uxs. sue nup. de Shouldham Thorp, qui diem clausit extremum 21o. *mensis. Decemb. Ao. Dni.* 1434.

By his will he gave 12*l*. to buy a halle sowte of vestments to serve to the honour of God, and ower blessed Lady.—I will that the image of our Lady in the church be new and gylted, and peynted with my goods, and at my cost, and to the making a vestry house in the church, 6*s*. 8*d*.—to our Lady's gyld 6*s*. 8*d*. to St. *John Baptist's* gyld 6*s*. 8*d*. and to *All-Saints* gyld 6*s*. 8*d*.

Against the wall of the nave, at the south-east corner, is a mural monument of stone, with the effigies of three children kneeling; over them, *Blessed are the dead which dye in the Lord;* and on the summit three shields; the first is *azure* on a chevron, between three estoils, *or*, as many lozenges, *gules*, *Butts;* impaling *argent*, a fess dauncette, and in chief, three crescents, *gules*, *Tyndal* of *Hockwold* in *Norfolk;* quartering in the 2d quarter, *or*, a lion rampant, vel *sal. gules*, *Felbrigg*, of *Felbrigg*, *Norfolk*. In the 3d, *sable*, an eagle displayed with two necks, *gules*, arms of the Duke of *Theise*, as I take it: Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, Knight of the Garter, in the reign of King *Henry* V. married

[3] Tre. Renaldi filii Ivonis—In Thorp. 1 soc. ii ac. et val. iii*d*.

[4] Tre. Radulfi Bainardi. —— In Carboisthorp, et in Tottenhella xxii. lib. hoes. et dim. de cx ac. ten. Ailid T.R.E. sep. i. car. et val. xl sol. tota hab. iiii. qr. in long. et iii. in lat. et reddit. vi. de gelto. hanc reclam. p. escangio.

Margaret daughter of the Duke of *Silesia* and *Theise*, and niece to the King of *Bohemia*, by whom he had *Alana*, his daughter and heir, married to *William Tyndal*, father of *Thomas*, whose son *William* was knighted, at the creation of *Arthur* Prince of *Wales*, and declared heir of the kingdom of *Bohemia*, in right of *Margaret*, aforesaid. In the 4th quarter, *gules*, 3, 2, and 1, escallops, *argent*, *Scales*. In the 5th, *argent*, three flowers-de-lis, *gules*, *Mundeford*. In another shield is the quartered coat of *Steward*, of which see in *Marham*, impaling, quarterly, in the first and fourth *Butts*, as before, in the 2d and 3d, party per bend, *argent* and *sable*, three flowers-de-lis in bend, counterchanged, *Cocket*.

The 3d shield is *Butts* impaling *Cocket*, and on the monument this inscription:

In this chancel lyeth buried, Jane, Ann, and John, three of the children of Thomas Steward, of Little Barton in Suffolk, Esq; and Frances his wife, eldest daughter of William Butts of this town of Shouldham-Thorp in Norfolk, Esq. deceased; the said Jane was buried the 27th day of February, An. Dom. 1590; *and the said Ann, the* 19*th day of November. An. Dom.* 1591, *and the said John, the* 11*th day of February, An. Dom.* 1602.

At the end of the nave lies a gravestone, thus inscribed,

John Dawnes, Gent. born at Outerborne, in Hampshire, died June the 16*th,* 1722, *in the* 55*th year of his age.*

The chancel is divided from the nave by a screen, and is in length about 18 feet, in breadth, about 17. On the pavement lies a little marble stone:

Here lyeth the body of John Godfrey, the son of John Godfrey, Esq. late of Hindringham, who died the 28*th of October,* 1667, *aged* 3 *months.*

Against the south wall is a little plain black marble stone, in the centre of this is a small piece of white marble, wherein is delineated the portraiture of a man on his knees, with a desk before him, and the shield of *Butts*, impaling *Coket*, and this epitaph:

Here under lyeth buried until his Redeemer cometh, who lived in his fear and dy'd in his faith, the body of Thomas Butts, 3d son of William Butts of this town, deceased 1600.

The seats of this chancel are of good oak, and carved.

This church was given, together with the manor, by *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, to the abbey of *Shouldham*, and appropriated to it on its foundation; it was then a rectory, and had one carucate of land, valued at 10 marks—*Peter*-pence, 6*d*. *Hermerus* (as *Domesday Book* informs us) had half of the church, &c. by which I understand an alternate turn in it, but his descendants quitted, most likely, their claim; for we find it given wholly to *Shouldham*, by the said *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers*, and the church was served by a canon of that house, or a stipendiary curate: the prior &c. paid, about 1349, 13*s*. 4*d*. for the tenth of this church, granted then to the King, the priory being then, as it is said, much impoverished by mortality, pestilence, and the leaving off of tillage; and the prior paid the same for tenths in 1424

On the dissolution of *Shouldham* abbey, this appropriated rectory

cam, to the Crown, and was given by King *Edward* VI. in his 7th year to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq. to be held by him in free soccage of the manor of *Greenwich*. After this it came to *Francis Gawdy*, &c. and went together with the lordship, as is above shewn; and Sir *George* of *Stow Bardolph*, Bart. was impropriator and lord.

In 1603, *Richard Harrison* was curate, and certified that here were 98 communicants, and was served by him with *Shouldham*, for 13*l. per annum*.

TOTENHILL

Was partly, as I take it, an hamlet to *Westbrigg*, and the manor of the Lord *Bainard*, of *Garboisthorp*, extended into it, as may there be seen; this came afterwards to the Earls of *Clare*, and *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, gave it to his priory of *Shouldham*. On the Dissolution, it was granted to *Myldmay*, then conveyed to *Judge Gawdy*, so to the Earl of *Warwick*.

But the principal part of this hamlet belonging to *Westbrigg*, and there accounted for, was held by *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, on the expulsion of *Turchetel*, and being part of the barony of *Wirmegay*, was held after of the Lord *Bardolf*.

On the rebellion of the Lord *Bardolf*, it came to the Crown, and was granted by King *Henry* IV. to *Thomas Beaufort* his brother, who was after Duke of *Exeter*, so to *William* Lord Viscount *Beaumont*; and after his death, was in the Crown, as in *Wirmegay*; and King *Edward* VI. in his first year, granted it to *John* Duke of *Northumberland*, who had license, in the 6th of the said King, to convey it to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq. and his son, Sir *Thomas*, sold it in the 23d of *Elizabeth* to *Judge Gawdy*, and so descended to the Earl of *Warwick*, and was after conveyed to *Gregory Gawsell*, Esq. of *Watlington*, from whom it came to his niece *Susan*, wife of Sir *John Davis* of *Bear Court* in *Berkshire*. *Gregory Davis*, Esq. her son, inherited it, and dying in 1706, left 2 sons, *Gregory*, who died a minor in 1710, and *John Davis*, Esq. the present lord.

The inhabitants of this hamlet belonging to the parish of *Westbrige*, come to that church. In the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* III. *Gilbert de Hethill*, rector of *Westbriggs*, is called also *Parsona de Tottenhull*, and in the eschaet roll, *an.* 9, appears to have given to the prior of *Wirmegay*, 40 acres of land, 5 of meadow, and 5*s.* rent *per ann.* in *Fordham*, *Hithe*, and *Riston*, and at the same time he held also two carucates of land here of the Lord *Bardolf*, by the fourth part of a fee.

Tot, or *Tut*, is the name of a rivulet, and gives name to many places; thus *Tottenhill*, and *Tutbury* in *Staffordshire*, *Tutwell* in *Warwickshire*, *Tottington* in *Norfolk*, *Tottenham* in *Middlesex*, &c.

SHINGHAM.

RALPH DE TONY had the grant of a lordship here on the expulsion of two freemen, who possessed 80 acres of land, and a carucate, and was part of *Tony's* capital manor of *Necton*, in *South Greenhow* hundred.[5]

The ancient family of *De Caldicote*, lords of *Caldicote*, who held lands there of the aforesid *Ralph's* fee in that town, had an interest herein in the reign of King *Stephen*; and in the 16th of *Edward* I. *William*, son of *Eudo de Caldicote*, grants to *Thomas*, son of *Stephen de Ware*, several rents, services and homages, held of him and his ancestors, in *Shingham*, *Caldecote*, &c. in the 3d of *Edward* III. *Stephen*, son of *Thomas de Ware*, held rents here, of 44*s. per annum* in *Oxburgh* and *Caldecote*, and in the 10th of *Richard* II. *Richard Holdich* held a lordship; and *Thomas Fykes*, in the 10th of *Henry* IV. held a court, as Sir *William Calthorp* did in the 4th of *Henry* V. but in th 16th of *Henry* VI. *Hugh Methwold*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed by fine their right to Sir *Thomas Tudenham*, Knight, who being beheaded in 1461, and having no issue, *Margaret*, his sister and heir, inherited it: the widow of *Edmund Bedingfeld*, Esq. and Sir *Edmund*, her grandson, were found to hold it *an.* 13 of *Henry* VII. in this family it remained till conveyed by Sir *Henry Bedingfeld*, Baronet, to *Samuel Tayler*, merchant, of *Lynn Regis*, in the reign of King *George* I. *Andrew Tayler*, Esq. his son, died *s. p.* 1760, and left it to *William Fowlks*, Esq. who married his sister and coheir.

Besides this small fee, or lordship, there was another lordship that extended into this town, that of *Well-Hall* in *Beacham-Well*.

In the 10th of *Richard* I. *William de Schengham* appears, by a fine, to hold considerable lands here and in *Well*, and *Sara*, daughter of *William de Scheiengham*, claimed part of it in the 8th of *Henry* III. as her inheritance.

Henry, son of *Walter de Shengham*, held a messuage, 33 acres of land, 2 of meadow, 3*s.* and 4*d.* rent *per ann.* in the 3d of *Edward* I. of *Gilbert de Well*, and *Maud* his wife.

About this time, I find, by an old parchment roll, that this village lay partly in two hundreds, and that there were 60 dwelling-houses, (*habitabiles mansiones*,) wherein persons dwelt or inhabited in the hundred of *Clacklose*, and 20 in that of *South Greenhow*, whereas at this time, there is only a farm-house, and a little tenement; the farm-house, being in the south part of the old village, is in the hundred of *South Greenhow*, and the church and tenement in the north part, in the hundred of *Clacklose*.

The Earls of *Clare*, being the capital lords of this town, had always

[5] Tra Radulfi de Toenio. In Scinham ii. libi. hoes lxxx. ac. tre T. R. E. tc. i. car. mo. dim. et jac. in Naketuna.

the patronage of the church, but on the death of *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*, who was slain at the battle of *Bannocks-Burn* in *Scotland*, in 1313, his great inheritance came to his 3 sisters and coheirs; *Margaret*, married first to *Piers de Gaveston*, and after to *Hugh* Lord *Audley*; *Eleanor*, to *Hugh*, Lord *De Spencer*; and *Elizabeth*, to *William Burgh* Earl of *Ulster*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *John*, son of *Peter de Wells*, and *Edmund* his brother, were found to hold the 4th part of a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, and the Earl of the King, which *Peter de Well* formrely held.

After this it came to the family of the *Trussbuts*, of whom see in *Rungton Holme*, and in *Shouldham*; *Thomas Trussbut*, Esq. son of *Laurence*, by his will, dated *December* 31, 1451, gives to *William*, a younger son, his lordship of *Shingham*, who dying *s. p.* it came to *Jane* his niece, daughter and heir of his eldest brother, *John Trussbut*, who brought it by marriage to *Thomas Colt*, Esq. of *Grey's Hall* in *Cavendish*, *Suffolk*, one of the privy council to King *Edward* IV. in which family it continued, until conveyed to the family of the *Lovels* of *Beacham-Well*, who sold it in the reign of King *James* I. to *Thomas Athow*, Esq. serjeant at law, of *Beacham-Well*, and was conveyed by *William Athow*, Gent. to Sir *Simon Tayler* of *Lynn*.

Samuel Tayler, Esq. merchant of *Lynn*, his son, was lord, who by *Mary* his wife, daughter of Sir *Robert Stewart*, was father of *Andrew Tayler*, Esq. he dying a bachelor, in 1760, left it to *William Fowlks*, Esq. who married his sister and coheir.

Near to the church arises a find spring, and from hence flows a stream or rivulet that separates the hundred of *Clackclose*, from that of South *Greenhow*, and empties itself into the river *Wissey*: probably its ancient name was *Schin* or *Shen*;—*Shengay* is a town in *Cambridgeshire*, *Shenfield* in *Essex*, *Shenly* in *Hertfordshire*, &c.

The CHURCH is a very antique building of flint stone, &c. all of an equal height, without any additional chancel; part of the east end of this church, being taken in with a screen, serving that purpose, and without any tower, having an arch of stone on the summit of the west gable-end, where formerly hung a bell. It is dedicated to St. *Butolph*, and is a rectory valued in the King's books, at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and discharged. There belonged to it 20 acres of glebe, and a house, but that is now destroyed.

Richard Fitz-Gilbert, surnamed *Crispin*, a kinsman to the Conqueror, ancestor of the noble family of the Earls of *Clare*, having a grant of this lordship on the death of *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*, left it to *Gilbert* his son, who with *Adeleidis* his wife, grant by deed, *sans* date, for the redemption of their souls, and of their ancestors, to the priory of *Castleacre*, this church, the land of *Edric* the priest, the tithe of the mill of *Welle*, &c.[6] this was probably some portion of tithe.

RECTORS.

Bartholomew de Walsingham, rector.

1328, *Richard de Geistwayte* on *Walsingham's* resignation, presented by the Lady *Alianore Le D'Spencer*.

[6] Regist Castleac. fol. 51.

John de Kerdiff, rector.

1344, *John de la More*, on *Kerdiff's* resignation, by *Hugh* Lord *De Spencer*.

In 1410, *Nicholas Blaunch* died rector.

Thomas Woodrofe died rector in 1540.

William Shimpling died rector.

Thomas Watson, rector in 1557.

John Fox, died rector in 1624, the King then patron; in 1632, he returned 33 communicants.

Luke Sheen, rector in 1650.

William Constable, rector.

1706, *Edward Hogan*, by the King.

1734, Mr. ——— *Morehouse*, on *Hogan's* death. *Ditto.*

1763, Mr. *Forby*. *Ditto.*

The temporalities of *West-Derham* abbey in 1428, were 7*s.* 6*d.* Of *Westacre* priory, 2*s.* 8*d.*

SOUTHREY.

The *Saxon* King *Edmund*, the elder, father of King *Edgar*, in his 3d year, gave this town to *Theodred*, who was Bishop of *London*, and of *Elmham* in *Norfolk*, (or of the *East Angles*,) and was called at that time *Sutreia*, or the *South Island*, in respect of *Hilingeia*, or *Hilgey*.[7]

The said Bishop, not long before his death, gave it to the secular clergy of *Bury* abbey, before the new foundation of King *Canute* for *Benedictine* monks. *Theodore* flourished about 940.

At the survey, we learn, that it then was the lordship of that abbey, consisting of two carucates of land, 13 villains, 7 bordarers, and 5 servi, with 24 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, 11 among the tenants, &c. a fishery, &c. 31 cows, &c. 80 sheep, 11 breeding mares, valued at 32*s.* at the survey at 4*l.* was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 3*d.* gelt.[8]

The abbot was also at this time lord of part of *Hilgey*, and of *Fincham*, *Rungton* and *Thorp* in this hundred—of *Islington*, and *Middleton* in *Frebridge* hundred—of *Buckenham* in *Shropham* hundred—of *Quidenham*, *Norton*, *Gatesthorp*, *Snareshill*, *Herling*, in *Gilcross* hundred—of *Wendling* in *Laundich* hundred—of *Marlingford* in *Fourhow* hundred—of *Buckenham* in *Blofield* hundred—of *Castor*, *Broc*, *Shotesham*, *How*, *Poringland* in *Hensted* hundred—of *Thorp*, *Brockdish*, *Mendham*, *Herleston*, *Starston* in *Earsham* hundred—of *Titshall*

[7] Regist. Nigr. Vestiar. Abb. Bur. f. 83.—Reg. Pinchbek f. 320 in Acad. Cantab.—Reg. Albû. f. 21. penes Dnû Edm. Bacon, Baronet.

[8] Terra Abbatis de S'co Eadmundo ——Sutreia ii. car. tre. sep. xiii. vill. et vii. bor. et v. ser. xxiiii. ac. p'ti. tc. ii. car. in d'nio, mo. iii. tc. ii. car. hom. mo, iii. i. pisc. iiii. runc. xxxi. animal. xi. por. lxxx, ov. xi. eque silvatice. tc. val. xxxii sol. mo. iiii lib. ht. dim. leu. in long. et iiii. qr. in lat. et iii*d.* de g.

Gissing, Shimpling, Brisingham, Raydon, Shelvanger, Frenge, Dickleburg, Semere, in *Diss* hundred—of *Loddon, Brook, Mundham, Topcroft, Langhale, Kirsted* in *Loddon* hundred—*Tibenham, Thorp, Freton, Stratton* in *Depewade* hundred—of *Kirby, Hales, Norton* in *Clavering* hundred.

The abbot had here, and in all his manors, royal privileges, by grant from the Crown, and in *Edward* the First's time, it was appropriated to the office of the cellarer in the said abbey, by *John de Northwold,* then abbot.

At the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and was given by King *Henry* VIII. on *July 5,* in his 36th year, with the advowson of the church, to *James Hawes,* and so came to the *Willoughbys,* as in *Hilgey,* and on a partition of the estate of Sir *Henry Willoughby,* a moiety of it came to *George Purefoy,* Esq. by the marriage of *Catherine,* one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Henry,* and another moiety to Sir *Henry Grey,* by another daughter and coheir; and I find *Knightly Purefoy,* Esq. and Sir *Henry Grey,* charged with the fee farm rent, 1*l.* 4*s.* 8*d. per ann.*—and *George Purefoy,* Esq. presented, 1670. In 1689, *Willoughby Grey* presented to the church as lord, and in 1705, Mrs. *Elizabeth Grey;*—after this it came to Sir *Thomas Aston,* Bart. of *Cheshire,* the present lord.

The tenths were 5*l.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.* the lete fee, 3*s.*

The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary,* and is a very antique plain building, consisting of a nave about 50 feet long, and 20 broad, with a chancel, both covered with thatch; at the west end of the nave is a little four square-tower of rag, and car stone with 2 bells, and a cap to it covered with tile. On the pavement by the pulpit, lies a grave stone with this shield in brass, barry of, ten, *argent* and *gules,* a chevron over all, *or, Stokes;*—and on a brass plate:

Here lyeth the wife of William Stokes, late of Wyverston in the county of Suffolk, gent. she departed the 11th day of February, An. Dni. 1639, *aged* 81 *years.*

The chancel is separated from the nave by an old wooden screen, and is in length about 19 feet, and in breadth about 15; on the pavement lies a gravestone with these arms, (*Plate I. Fig.* 19,) quarterly, *gules,* and *vairy, argent* and *azure,* over all a bend, *or, Constable,* and thus inscribed:

Here lyeth the body of Robert Constable, who was rector of Southrey nineteen years and three months; he was the son of Thomas Constable, and Elizabeth his wife, late of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, London; he departed this life, the first day of October, 1689, *in the 54th year of his age.*

Against the south wall of the chancel, is a small mural monument with this shield; (*Plate I. Fig.* 20.) Nr. 3, *argent,* two chevrons, *azure,* in a bordure engrailed, *gules, Tyrrell;* and this epitaph:

Here rests that just and pious Jane,
That ever hated all that's vayne;
Her zeal for God, made her desire
T' have dy'd a martyr in the fire;

Or into thousand pieces small,
Been cutt to honour God with all.
Her life right vertuous, modest, sober;
Ended the 7th day of October, 1638:
Her purest soul 'till the body rise,
Enjoys heaven's peace in paradise.
Her virtues hid from common sight,
Enforc'd her husband these to write.
Johan. Tyrrell de Gypping in Suff.

RECTORS.

Instituted 1300, *Peter de Casteleyn,* presented by the abbot, &c. of *Bury.*[9]

1335, *Nicholas de Wisebeach,* presented by the abbot, &c. of *Bury.*

1349, *William de Lausill.*

Mr. *John de Brandon* occurs about 1380.

Richard Smyth occurs rector in the 19th of *Richard* II.[1]

Simon Dacke.

1419, *John Goffe,* (on the resignation of *Dacke,)* presented by the abbot, &c. he held the church of *Swathefield* in the diocese of *Norwich,* and exchanged with *Dacke.*

1420, *Alexander Collow,* (on the resignation of *Goffe,)* presented by the abbot, &c.; he held the church of *Donyngworth,* and exchanged with *Goffe.*

1420, *William Barker,* (on the resignation of *Collow,)* by the abbot, &c.; he held the church of *Sterston* in *Norwich* diocese, and exchanged with *Collow.*

1420, *Robert Banyngham,* by the abbot, &c.

1421, *John Cachero,* (on the resignation of *Banyngham,*) by the abbot, &c.; he held the church of *Kirkele,* and exchanged with *Banyngham.*

1426, *Thomas Marchall,* (on the resignation of *Cachero,*) by *William,* abbot of *Bury,* &c.; he was rector of *Bexwell,* and exchanged with *Cachero,* and after this rector of *Fincham* St. *Michael.*

1431, *William Attemell,* (on the resignation of *Marchall,*) by *William,* abbot, &c.; he was rector of *Fincham* St. *Michael,* and exchanged with *Marchall.*

1435, *John Tyrell, acolythe,* L. L. B. on the death of *Atwell,* by *William,* abbot, &c. in 1436. - - - One *John Tyrell* was presented by the abbot of *Bury* to *Redgrave* in *Suffolk,* in *December* 1436, probably the same person.

1436, *Philip Long,* (on the resignation of *Tyrell,*) by *William,* abbot, &c.

1436, *Thomas Turnour,* (on the resignation of *Long,*) by *William,* abbot, &c.

1438, *Stephen Parker.*

1457, *Thomas Bullock,* (on the resignation of *Parker,*) by *John,* abbot, &c.

[9] Lib. Institut. Norwic. —— Regist. Curteys. ab. de Bury, penes Edm. Bacon Baronett.

[1] Fin. Suff. 19 Rd. II.

1460, *William Hall*, L. L. B. (on the resignation of *Bullock*,) by the abbot, &c.

John Wylde.

1463, *William Sparwe*, or *Sparrow:* he was rector of *Mephale* in the isle of *Ely*, and exchanged with *Wylde.*

1490, *Thomas Neele* to St. *Mary, Southrey*, on the death of *Sparrow*, by *Thomas*, abbot, &c.

1511, *Roger Whalley*, L. L. B. on the resignation of *Neele*, by *William*, abbot, &c.

1526, *Richard Granger* on the death of *Whalley*, by *John*, abbot, &c.

1526, *John Burie*, on the death of *Granger*, by the abbot, &c.; this church was at this time valued at 19 marks.

1532, *William Percy*, on the resignation of *Burie*, by the abbot, &c.

1541, *Robert Wylsey*, on the death of the last rector, by the King: this *Robert* was deprived in 1553, being married.[2]

1554, *Robert Peerson*, presented by *Henry Hawe*, Gent. on the deprivation of *Wylsey*, a married priest.

1554, *Robert Morley.*

1557, *Thomas Disse*, S. T. P. on the resignation of *Morley*, by *Henry Hawe*, Esq.

1559, *William Susan*, on the death of *Disse*, by *H. Hawe*, Esq.

George Longe, A. M. occurs in 1562, vicar also of *Stow-Bardolph. Presbyter conjugatus, doctus, non residet, non hospitalis, in vicariâ suâ de Stow Bardolph, prædicat licentiatus, duo.*[3]

Peter Tye; rector afterwards of *Watlington*, and *Barton* St. *Mary.*

1578, *Lionel Life*, on the resignation of *Tye*, by *Henry Hawe*, Esq.

1582, *John Smith*, A. M. presented by *Catharine Winter*, widow.

1583, *Thomas Everard* . . . . by *Henry Hawe*, Esq.

1588, *Robert Pearne*, on the death of *Everard*, by *H. Hawe*, Esq.

1589, *Jonas Steward*, A. B. on the resignation of *Pearne*, by *Henry Hawe*, Esq. in his answer to King *James*, he observes, that there were in 1603, 94 communicants here.

1608, *Charles Smith*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by *James Hawe*, Gent. assignee to *Henry Willoughby*, Esq.

1625, *Elijah Catlyn*, A. M. on the death of *Smith*, by *James Hawe* of *Berney*, Gent.

1642, *Samuel Hutton*, A. M. on the death of *Catlyn*, by Sir *Henry Willoughby*, Baronet.

1670, *Robert Constable*, A. M. on the death of *Hutton*, by *George Purefoy*, Esq. and *Knightley Purefoy*, Gent.

1675, *Roger Davies*, A. M. by the King, on account of *Constable's* not reading the Articles.

1685, *Robert Constable iterum*, by *Francis Pawlet*, Esq. Sir *John Sidenham*, Bart. Sir *Thomas Putt*, Bart. *Edward Heade*, Esq. and Sir *Henry Purefoy*, Bart.

1689, *Girsholm Malcolm*, by *Willoughby Gray*, Esq.

1705, *Samuel Lees*, A. M. on the death of *Malcolm*, by *Elizabeth Grey*, spinster.

1737, *Cuth. Sewell*, on *Lees'* death, by *Jos. Sewell*, Esq. *hac vice.*

[2] Mss. Miscellan. in Offic. Regist. [3] Parkeri Certif. princip. Norwic.

This rectory is valued in the King's books, at 7*l.* 10*s.*—Old valor was 19 marks. The rector had in *Edward* the First's time, a manse with 24 acres of land. *Peter*-pence, 18*d.*

STOKE-FERRY.

This town stands on the river *Wissey*, which divides it from the hundred of *Grimshoe*, on the *London*, and post-road, to *Lynn*, *Downham*, &c.: in the book of *Domesday*, it is wrote *Stoches*, not taking its name (as is thought by some) from *stock*, that is some wood; but from *stow*, a dwelling or habitation, and *Ches*, by the water; thus *Chess*, or *Kess*, signifies, as *Cheswick*, *Chesham-Bois*, *Cheston*, &c. all which answer to such a site.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, at the survey, had the grant of a lordship which 4 freemen held under protection, and 12 acres, with their customary dues, and one freeman two acres. *Roger* and *Hugh*, two socmen, had 74 acres, and eleven acres of meadow, valued in the whole at 20*s.*[4] This was measured together with *Werham*, and joined in the payment of the gelt. *Rainald's* interest herein came after to the Earls of *Clare*.

But the principal part of this town was held at the survey by *Ralph* Lord *Bainard*, which 13 freemen had held in soccage, and 6 bordarers, a fishery and 2 carucates, valued at 60*s.* the fourth part of the advowson of a church endowed with 5 acres valued at 5*d.* and the right of another church endowed with 27 acres, valued at 27*d.* which he claimed by an exchange. All *Stoke* was 6 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 6½*d.* gelt.

The Lord *Bainard* had also seized on 100 acres, which *Ulchetel*, a freeman, possessed in King *Edward's* time, 4 villains belonged to it, with 4 bordarers, and a carucate and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* this he laid claim to by an exchange.[5]

William Lord *Bainard* forfeited his lordship by his rebellion in the reign of King *Henry* I. after this it was in the Earls of *Clare*, probably by the grant of that King, to *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, ancestor of that family.

Out of these 2 fees arose two manors, both held of the honour of *Clare*.

[4] Tre Rainaldi filii Ivonis—In Stoches iiii. lib. hoes com'd. et om'i consuetudine, de xii. acr. et 1. lib. ho. de ii. acr. In ead. tenent Rogerus et Hugo ii. soc. de lxxxiv ac. sep. 1. et dim. et x ac. p'ti.

[5] Terr. Radi. Bainardi.—In Stoches xiii libi. hoes ad Socha. sep. vi bord. et 1. pisc. et ii. car. et val. lx. sol. et quarta pars eccl'ie v. ac. et val. v*d.* alia eccl'ia xxvii. ac. xxvii*d.* hoc reclam. p. escangio. Tota Stoches ht. vi qr. in long. et iiii. in lat. et redd. vi*d.* et 1. obolu.—Invasiones Radi. Bainardi—In Stoches ac. ten. Ulchetel. T. R. E. sep. iiii vill. et iiii. bor. i car. x ac. p'ti. val. xl. sol. hoc reclamat p. escangio.

CAVENHAM MANOR,

Of which see at large in *Werham*. *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, who held considerable possessions in this town, *Werham*, *Wretton*, &c. gave on his foundation of the priory of *Shouldham*, in King *John's* time, his interest therein to that convent, to be held (as he did) of the Earls of *Clare*.

In the 32d year of *Henry* III. the prior had a grant for a mercate and a fair in this town,[6] and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury for the hundred present the prior for breaking down the bridge and disturbing the passage, to the great injury and grievance of the neighbourhood, and travellers: it is likely that the bridge was erected here about this time, and the old ferry being set aside belonging to the prior, from whence a certain toll was paid, and so might be to his disadvantage.

The mercate before mentioned, seems to have been neglected, or disused, King *Henry* VI. in his fifth year, confirmed both that and the fair.[7] There is now no mercate held but the fair (chiefly for pedling wares and goods) is kept annually on *December* 6, and belongs to the lord of the manor; which at the Dissolution was granted as in *Werham*, to Sir *Edmund Bedingfeld*, and is now in *Edward Nightingale*, Esq. of *Kneesworth*, in *Cambridgeshire*.

Besides the lordship of *Cavenham*, *Robert de Stokes* held, in the beginning of *Henry* the Third's reign, the fifth part of a fee of *Thomas de Plumberwe*, and he of the Earl of *Clare*; and *John*, son of *Lambert*, the eighth part. *Stephen de Stokes*, and *Basilia* his wife, conveyed two pools to *Ralph*, abbot of *Derham*. In the 32d of that King, in a fine, *Roger de Stokes* was querent, and *Nicholas de Stokes* deforcient; by this, all the lands which *Basilia*, daughter of *Roger de Hulmo*, held at her death in *Stokes*, *Wyrham*, *Wretton*, *Buketon*, &c. were to remain to *Roger*, and all that she held in *Lutcheham*, *Beeston*, and *Kemeston*, to *Nicholas*.

Roger de Stokes was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and presented by the jury to have extended the bounds of his warren; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. the heirs of *John de Stokes*, and the prior of *Shouldham*, were returned to be lords. The *Stokes* were also lords of *Wirun Hall* in *Wretton*, as may be there seen.

Ribald, lord of *Midleham* in *Yorkshire*, held under *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, at the survey, the land of four freemen, 7 acres of land, valued at 12*d*.[8] who were expelled at the conquest; this belonged to *Ribald's* manor of *Bicham Well*.

The tenths of this town, and of *Wretton*, were 5*l*. 11*s*. deducted 11*s*.

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a single pile of flint, chalk stone, &c. about 51 feet long, and 24 broad, covered with tile, with a four-square tower, embattled, and 4 pinnacles of stone, and a shaft with a weather-cock; this tower falling unexpectedly in 1758, beat down great part of the church. In this tower were 2 bells. At

[6] Pat. 5.
[7] Pat. 1. m 20.
[8] Terre Alani Comitis — In Stoches tenet Ribald. iii. lib'os ho'es de vii. ac. T. R. et val. 12*d*.

the west end of the steeple was a decayed little building, probably the station formerly of some hermit.

There was formerly a chancel, but that has been dilapidated many years past. By the grant of *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, of this church to the priory of *Shouldham*, it became appropriated to that convent, and was after served by a stipendiary curate. In the 14th of *Edward* I. *John Le Rous*, or *Red*, son of *Vincent Le Rous* of *Wretton*, impleaded the prior for the right of patronage, proving that *Ulchetel*, his ancestor, in the reign of King *John*, presented one *Peter*, his clerk, to this church, who died rector; but the prior showing that the said church had been appropriated above 20 years to his priory, his right was confirmed. About the same time it appears that there was a rectory-house, with 30 acres of glebe; the priory of *Shouldham* was taxed at 10 marks for this rectory, and the *Peter*-pence was 11*d*.

At the Dissolution it was granted to Sir *Edmund Bedingfeld*, and is now held by *Edward Nightingale*, Esq. who names the curate. In 1603, it was certified that there were 80 communicants.

John Fyshere, of this town, by his will, in 1399, gives a legacy to St. *Mary's* image in the belfry,[9] and *William Curteys*, chaplain, by his will in 1417, desires to be buried in the churchyard of *Stoke, All-Saints*; gives to the fabrick of the chapel 20*d*. and to that of the church 2*s*.; by this it seems that there were at that time both a church and a chapel, and in the account of the Lord *Bainard's* fee, before mentioned, there appears then to have been 2 churches.

STOW-BARDOLPH.

On the deposition of *Turchetel*, who was a great and powerful lord, in the reign of the Confessor, King *William* I. granted it with many other towns of that lord, to *Hermerus de Ferrers*. Before the conquest there were three carucates of land held by 7 villains, &c. 15 bordarers, 8 servi, 40 acres of meadow, and one of wood. Three carucates in demean, a fishery, 5 beasts or horses for work, 26 breeding mares, 7 cows, &c. 240 sheep, &c. two skeps of bees, &c. and there belonged to this lordship, and soc, 5 free men, with all customary dues; there were also 17 freemen belonging to the lord's fold and protection, who had 24 acres, but the abbot of *Ramsey*, and *Hermerus*, at the survey, had the soc of them. All this was valued then at 8*l*. and there was a church endowed with 53 acres of land, valued at 3*s*.

Hermerus had also invaded, or seized on, in *Stow*, 34 acres of land, held in King *Edward's* time, by a freeman, and one carucate; and on 40 acres held by 4 freemen: the said freeman held in all 2 carucates, and the preceding lord (before *Hermerus*) had only the protection of

[9] Reg. Harsick. Norw. p. 259.——Reg. Hurning, p. 38.

them, and a moiety of the soc, with the abbot of *Ramsey;* this was valued at 20*s.*

The villages of *Wimbotsham* and *Stow*, were one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt to the King, when the hundred paid 20*s.*[1]

After *Hermerus, William de Wirmegay, Reginald de Warren,* and the Lords *Bardolf*, were lords of this town, which was a part of the barony of *Wirmegay*, as may be there seen at large.

William Lord *Bardolf* had a charter of free warren, granted him in this town, *an.* 38 of *Henry* III. then called *Le Estow*, and *an.* 42; but *Dugdale* says, *an.* 28, the grant of an annual fair on the day, and morrow after the feast of the Holy *Trinity.* In the 3d of *Edward* I. the lord was found to have the assise of bread and beer, and the lete of his tenants. In this family, Barons of *Wirmegay*,[2] this lordship continued till the attainder of *Thomas*, Lord *Bardolf*, in the reign of *Henry* IV. who granted it *an.* 9, to *Thomas Beaufort*, his brother, afterwards Duke of *Exeter*, who possessed it in the 5th of *Henry* VI. and had a ferry here, the bridge not being then erected. Sir *William Phelips* was the next lord, and was succeeded by the Lords Viscounts *Beaumont. William* Lord *Beaumont* dying, *sans* issue, it eschaeted to the Crown, and Sir *William Arundel* Lord *Matrevers*, with the Lady *Anne*, his wife, obtained a grant of it on *June* 5, *an.* 8 of *Henry* VIII. but by a fine levied *an.* 3 and 4 of *Philip* and *Mary*, was conveyed to the Crown, by *Henry* Earl of *Arundel*, and on the 2d of *January*, in the said year, granted to Sir *Nicholas Hare*, Knt. and *John Hare*, Esq. excepting two marshes or fens in this town, called *Bardolf's* fen, and *Piers Dole*, or *Le Fence*, they being granted *December* 22, in the said year, to *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. rented at 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d. per ann.* and were parcels of this manor.

This family of *Hare* derive their pedigree from *Jervis* Earl of *Harcourt*, in *France*, who came into *England* with the Conqueror, and bore *gules*, two bars, *or.*—Sir *John Hare*, his son, married *Anne*, daughter of *Eustace Crew* Baron of *De Monte Alto, (Monthaut:)* he is said to have had a grant to bear, as an augmentation to his arms, the chief indented, *or*, and his Lady's arms were, *azure*, a lion rampant, *argent.* The other branch of *Jervis* Earl of *Harcourt's* family, from which the *Harcourts*, formerly Barons of *Wingham*, and the Lord Viscount *Harcourt* of *Stanton Harcourt*, in *Oxfordshire*, are descended, bear it, as Earl *Jervis.*

Sir *John Hare*, son of Sir *John*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *John de Ashton*, who bore *argent*, a mullet, *sable*, and was father of

[1] Terr. Hermeri de Ferrers—Stou ten. Turchetil. T. R. E. iii. car. tre. tc. et pt. vii. vill. mo. ii. semp. xv bord. et. viii. serv. et xl. ac. p'ti. et 1. silve. sep. iii car. in dominio. et 1 pisc. tc. v runc. mo. ii. et xxvi. eque silvestres. tc. vii. vacce. mo. s. xliiii. porc. tc. ccxl. ov. mo. clx. tc. ii. vasa. apu. mo. xiiii. adjacent huic manerio v. lib'i. ho'es de o'i consuetudine. et ad soca. adjacent etiam xvii. lib'i. hoes consuet. ad falda. et com'dati. de xxiiii acr. et soca eor. S'ci Bened. et Hermer. hoc totu val. tc. et p. viii lib. mo. viii. i. eccl'ia liii. ac. tre. et. val. iii. sol.

Invasiones Hermeri de Ferr.—In Stou xxxiiii ac. tre. q. ten. lib.ho. T. R. E. tc. i car. mo. in Stou. iiii lib'i. ho'es. de xl ac. isti om'es hab. ii car. in his non hab. antecessor Hermeri p'tr. com'dat. et dim. soc. cu. S'co. Benedo. et val. xx sol.—Winebotesham et Stou he ville h'nt. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et redd. xvi*d.* de gelto Regis de xx sol.

[2] Of the Lords Bardolf, Beaufort, &c. see at large in Wirmegay.

William Hare, Esq. who, by *Ann*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Mydelton* of *Lancashire*, who bore *argent*, a cross engrailed, *sable*, was father of *John Hare*, Esq. who by *Agnes*, his wife, daughter of Sir *John Shirley* of *Wiston*, in *Sussex*, (who bore paly of six, *or* and *azure*, a canton, *ermine*,) had Sir *Thomas Hare*. *Nicholas* was his son, by *Julian*, daughter of *Hussey*, who bore barry of six, *ermine* and *gules*.

Nicholas married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Thomas de Walsingham*, whose arms were paly of six, *argent* and *sable*, a fess over all *gules*; *Richard* was his son and heir, by *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Seckford* of *Suffolk*, who bore *ermine*, on a fess, *gules*, three escallops, *or*, and was father of *John Hare*, Esq. who by *Jane*, daughter of - - - - - *Nevill*, whose arms were *gules*, on a saltire, *argent*, a mullet, *sable*, had *Thomas Hare*, Esq.; he married *Joyce*, daughter of *John Hyde* of *Northburgh*, who bore *azure*, a chevron between three lozenges, *or*; his son *John*, by *Catherine*, daughter of *Richard de Anderson*, had *Nicholas Hare*, Esq. of *Homersfield* in *Suffolk*, and by *Margaret* his wife, had *John Hare*, Esq. and *Thomas Hare*, L. L. D. chancellor of *Norwich*, rector of *Massingham Magna*, &c.

John married *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Fortescue*, Esq. and had *Nicholas Hare*,[3] and *John Hare*, a mercer of *London*; Sir *Nicholas* was Speaker of the House of Commons, *an.* 31 *Henry* VIII. master of the rolls, and on the accession of Queen *Mary* to the Crown, lord keeper of the great seal; by *Catherine*, his wife, daughter and coheir of *John Bassingborn*, Esq. of *Woodhall* in *Hertfordshire*, was father of *Michael Hare*, Esq. his son and heir, who took to wife, *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Henry Hobart*, Esq. of *Hales Hall* in *Norfolk*, and afterwards *Mary*, daughter of Sir *John Brudenel* of dean in *Northamptonshire*, and died *sans* issue, on the 30th of *October*, *an.* 4 and 5 of *Philip* and *Mary*.

Robert Hare, Esq. 2d son, was clerk of the *Pells*, some time a member of *Cajus* college, in *Cambridge*. About 1587, at the request and exhortation of Dr. *Capcot*, master of *Corpus Christi* college, and vice-chancellor, he collected in three large volumes, the chancellors and privileges of the University of *Cambridge*, and a fourth volume, containing the privileges of the town of *Cambridge*, compiled by him with great labour and expense, and presented by him to the University, to be carefully preserved in their publick chest, with a copy thereof for the use of the Vice-chancellor, and another for the Register, and afterwards conferred the like favour upon *Oxford*, to which University he bore no relation, and died *sans* issue, *November* 2, 1611.

The eldest branch, of this family being thus extinct, we return to *John Hare*, citizen and mercer of *London*, brother to Sir *Nicholas*, who by *Dorothy* his wife, had 8 sons; *Nicholas*, *Ralph*, *Richard*, *Rowland*, *Edmund*, *Hugh*, *Thomas*, and *John*.

Nicholas, the eldest, was a bencher of the Inner Temple, and in 1589 built *Stow-Hall*, the manor-house, at the expense of 40,000*l*.

[3] Sir Nicholas was twice chosen Speaker, also master of the Request, chief justice of Chester, one of the privy council to Queen Mary; in 1553, he purchased the liberty or franchise of the hundred of Clacklose. Anderson bore argent, a chevron between 3 crosses, flurt, sable.—Fortescue, azure, a bend indented, between two bendlets, or.—Basingborn, gyrony of 12 or, and azure. Sir Nicholas was buried in Westminster abbey.

also a spacious dormitory adjoining to the chancel of *Stow* church, for depositing the remains of himself and family, and died in 1591, *s. p.* leaving his estate to his brother *Ralph*, who also died *s. p.* in 1601, and was succeeded by *Richard*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Barnes*; she remarried to *George Rotheram*, Esq. and, after to Sir *George Perient*, and died *December* 2, 1655, aged 90, having two sons, by *Richard* her first husband, *Ralph* and *Richard*.

Rowland, 4th son of *John Hare*, and *Edmund* the 5th son, died *s. p.* —*Hugh*, the 6th son, was a bencher of the Inner Temple, and master of the court of wards, and dying *s. p.* left, by his will, dated *December* 25, 1619, above 99,400*l.* to be equally divided between his two nephews, *John Hare*, grandson of his brother *Richard*, and *Hugh Hare*, son of his brother *John*, &c. which *John* married first, *Lucy*, daughter of ——— *Barlow*, Esq. and to his 2nd wife *Margaret*, daughter of *John Crouch*, Esq. and by her left two sons *Nicholas* and *Hugh*; *Nicholas*, died *s. p.* and *Hugh* was created, *August* 3, 1625, Lord *Colerain* in *Ireland*, from whom, by *Lucy* his wife, daughter of the Lord *Montague*, descended the Lords *Colerain*, and the *Hares* of *Docking* in *Norfolk*.

Ralph Hare, Esq. eldest son of *Richard*, son of *John Hare*, Esq. abovementioned, was created Knigth of the Bath, at the coronation of King *James* I. and married to his first wife, *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Edward Holmden*, alderman of *London*, by whom he had a son, *John*; his second wife was *Anne*, daughter of *John Crouch* of *Cornbury* in *Hertfordshire*, Esq. by whom he had no issue; she survived him and remarried *Edmund* Lord *Montague* of *Boughton*. Sir *Ralph* was remarkable for his extensive charity to the poor; in 1603, he erected six alms-houses at *Stow*, for 6 poor persons born in the parish, or had resided there for 10 years, and endowed them with lands for ever. In his lifetime he gave by deed to St. *John's* college in *Cambridge*, dated *April* 30, 1623, the rectory and glebe lands of the impropriate rectory of *Marham* in *Norfolk*, with the advowson of the vicarage, to be employed in erecting a library, and after in exhibitions for 30 poor scholars in that college, for ever; and dying in *August* 1623, was succeeded by his only son, *John Hare*, who was knighted in his father's lifetime, *December* 4, 1617, at *Newmarket*; he married *Elizabeth*, only daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Coventry*, lord keeper of the great seal, by whom he had 5 sons and 7 daughters, *Ralph*, the eldest, *John* of *Bromsthorp* in *Norfolk*, *Nicholas* of *Harpham*, &c.

Ralph, the eldest son, was created baronet *July* 23, 1641: by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert Crane*, Bart. of *Chilton* in *Suffolk*, was father of Sir *Thomas Hare*, his successour; his 2d wife was *Vere*, sister to *Horatio* Lord Viscount *Townsend*, and his 3d was *Elizabeth*, daughter of —— *Chapman*, Esq.; he was knight of the shire, in parliament, burgess for *Lynn*, and died in 1671.

Sir *Thomas Hare*, Bart. his son and heir, married *Elizabeth* sister of Sir *Robert Dashwod*, Bart. of *Northbrook* in *Oxfordshire*, by whom he had 4 sons, Sir *Ralph*, Sir *Thomas*, and Sir *George*, and *Richard*, who died young; also 6 daughters; *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Thomas Robinson*, Baronet, and *Mary* to *Thomas Leich* of *London*, *Turkey* merchant; the others died single; Sir *Thomas* was knight of the shire in parliament, and died in 1693.

Sir *Ralph*, the eldest son, by *Susan* his wife, daughter and coheir

of *Walter Norborne*,[4] of *Calne* in *Wiltshire*, had no issue, and dying in 1732, was succeeded by his brother, Sir *Thomas*,[5] who married *Rosamond*, daughter of *Charles Newby*, of *Hooton-Roberts*, in *Yorkshire*, Esq. by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, married to the Reverend Mr. *Moor*, and *Mary*, to *Thomas Harris*, Esq. of *Finchly* in *Middlesex*; he died in 1759, and Sir *George Hare*, Bart. his brother and successour, died unmarried.

Here is a stately manor-house with agreeable gardens, and a park adjoining.

There is a bridge about 2 miles from the town, over the river *Ouse*, near to this is a fair kept every year, on *Saturday* before *Trinity Sunday*, and is considerable for the sale of horses, cows, &c. and in the fens is a good decoy belonging to the lord. I find that the new podike in the fens was made *an.* 1 *Henry* VI. in the lands of the Duke of *Exeter*, then lord of *Stow*.

The tenths of this town and of *Wimbotsham*, were 7*l.* 12*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 1*s.*

The Church of *Stow Bardolph* is dedicated to the Holy *Trinity*, and consists of a nave and a chancel, and a broad, but low, four-square tower built of carr and rag stone, with buttresses of brick, in which hang five large tuneable bells.[6] The nave is in length about 47 feet and in breadth about 24; the roof is arched or camerated, plaistered, and covered with reed; at the west end is a neat stone font, with a cover of oak carved and painted, on which is this shield, (*Plate I. Fig.* 21.) In several places, *gules*, two bars and a chief indented, *or*, *Hare*; and this date, 1625; on the summit is a pelican vulned.

On the pavement here, lies an old stone, with a shield worn out, and an inscription scarce legible,

Here under lieth Thomas Cobb - - - - - second son of Mr. Martin Cobb of Snettesham - - - - who died the 30 *Novr.* 1582.

On a grave-stone adjoining, this shield, *(Plate I. Fig.* 22.) - - - a chevron between three bunches of grapes:

Here lys buried underneath this stone,
A willing friend to all, a foe to none,
A steward, true and faithfull, husband kind,
A father tender, one of right Christian mind,
His days consum'd with labour, care and pain,
His body rests in hopes to rise again.

Samuel Renault, steward to the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, the father, and to Sir Thomas Hare the son, Baronets, lys here interr'd, who departed this life the 19 *day of August*, 1678.

On another stone adjoining,

Here lyeth the body of Mr. John West, who was 20 *years steward to the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, Baronet, who departed this life the* 26 *day of March*, 1727, *aged* 62 *years.*

[4] Narborne bore argent, a fess nebuly, gules, on a canton of the second, a ducal coronet, or.——Newby, - - a chevron between three crosses pattee.

[5] Sir Thomas died February 21, 1760. —And Sir George on March 18, 1764; both here buried.

[6] Regr. Cobaldes, p. 12.

For many years he bore the trust consign'd,
Nor lost the credit of an honest mind,
This is true wisdom, this the way to live,
For nobler treasures, than the world can give;
When burnish'd gold is turn'd to common dust,
And all the shining mammon's lost in rust,
Happy the man, that's well prepared to go
Where inexhausted mines of truer riches flow.

At the west end of the church is a large gallery, supported by 6 wooden pillars of the Ionick order. The nave is separated from the chancel by an handsome wooden screen; on the cornice are the arms of *Hare*, and on the summit in the centre of the screen, the King's arms, well carved and painted, fronting the nave; towards the chancel, a rose and crown, with the capital letters C. R. The chancel is in length about 30 feet, and in breadth about 16; it is camerated, plaistered, and covered with tile. The altar is railed in, and has an ascent of three steps of free-stone, with which the whole altarspace is paved, except the passage as you enter leading to it, which is of oak finiered: the altar is of *Derbyshire* gray marble, with a slab of the same, and was part of the old altar monument of Sir *Ralph Hare*, Knight of the Bath, which was taken down on the erecting that of Sir *Thomas Hare*, Bart. On the body of it are two ovals; in one, a dove is painted; in the other I. H. S. Over the altar in two pannels, are the 10 Commandments, over that the tremendous name of God in *Hebrew*, with a glory, and cherubims about it; and on each side of this a pannel; in one is the Lord's Prayer, in the other is the Creed with cherubims over them, and the walls on the north and south sides within the rails, are neatly wainscotted and painted. The whole altarpiece is ornamented with four columns of the Dorick order, fluted, painted blue, and veined with gold, supporting an entablature of the same.

In the east window of the chancel there was lately this shield; *(Plate I. Fig. 23.) argent*, three mullets in bend, *sable*, between two bendlets, *gules*, impaling *argent*, a cross ingrailed between four crescents, *sable*, and a lis, *or*, for difference; *Pigot* impaling *Bernham*. *Margaret Pigot* was prioress of *Carhow*, and that convent held the rectory.

This window being new glazed when the altarpiece was erected, these arms are now lost. Against the north wall of this chancel, were lately several banners, before the beautifying of it, with the arms of *Hare, (Plate I. Fig. 24.)* and (girony of twelve, *or*, and *azure*) *Bessingbourne*, quarterly.

On a stone fixed in the north wall,

Margaret, the wife of Walter Drury, vicar of this parish, died December 19, 1681, *aged* 22 *years.*

On the north side of this chancel is a chapel, or burial-place for the family of *Hare*, built of brick, embattled with copings of free-stone, in length about 36 feet, and 16 in breadth, covered with lead; at the west end are the arms of *Hare* with the crest, a demy lion, and these letters, I. H. M. L. *Anno Domini* 1624. On a little white marble stone on the pavement at the west end, is *Hare* impaling, party per

chevron, *argent* and *gules*, a crescent counterchanged, *(Plate I. Fig. 25.) Chapman. John Posthumus Hare*, son to the Honourable Sir *Ralph Hare*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, 1672.—On a grave-stone, with the arms of *Hare*, this round the verge,

Here lyeth the body of the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, Baronet, he departed this life the last of February, 1671.

Although his body is turn'd to dust,
His soul lives ever with the just.

At the foot of this, another, with the arms of *Hare* and *Chapman* impaled, and round the verge,

Elizabeth the last wife of Sir Ralph Hare, Baronet, liv'd his widow above 13 *years, dy'd March* 17, 1683, *and lyeth here at his feet, in hopes with him of a joyful resurrection, The trump shall sound, and the dead shall be raised.*

Against the south wall is a neat altar monument of veined marble, with a gray marble slab, on which stand two veined pillars of the Corinthian order, with their capitals gilt with gold, supporting an entablature of the same and gilt, on which is the shield of *Hare*, between two pyramids of marble, and on the wall a piece of marble ornamented with foliages, festoons, death's heads, and hour-glasses, gilt with gold, this epitaph in letters of gold:

In Obitum præstantissimi viri Radulphi Hare Armigeri.

Octo fere novies (si demas quatuor) annos
Exegi vitæ, hinc morti succumbo mihiq;
Natalis Juli, fatalis June fuisti
Cura fuit patriæ prodesse, fovere quietem,
Tutari insontes, pacis defendere causam,
Legibus addici, moderatis moribus uti,
Corpore parvus eram, sed me vicinia dixit,
Corpore pygmæum, benefactis esse gigantem.
Nepos Radulpho, hæres Radulphus, mortuo posuit, amato
Patruo et tanquam patri.

On the north side, on a white marble stone, and veined, lies the statue of Sir *Thomas Hare*, Bart. in full proportion, cumbent on his right side, in the habit of a *Roman*, his arm resting on a cushion of alabaster, and is a curious and just piece of statuary; on it are the arms of *Hare*, with the distinction as a baronet, and a cherub on each side:

In memory of Sir Thomas Hare, Baronet, who departed this life the 1*st day of January*, 1693, *aged* 35 *years, and left a lady and four sons and five daughters.*

The glorious sun which sets at night,
Appears next morning clear and bright,
The gawdy deckings of the earth,
Do ev'ry spring receive new birth,
But life when fled, has no return,
In vain we sigh, in vain we mourn,

Yet does the turtle justly grieve her fate,
When she is left behind without her mate,
Not less does she, who rais'd this tomb,
And wishes here to have a room,
With that dear He, who underneath doth lye,
Who was the treasure of her heart, the pleasure of her eye.

Near to this is a mural monument of white marble, on the summit the arms of *Hare;* on the base a cherub gilt with gold, and on a black marble in the centre in letters of gold,

Memoriæ Sacrum Hugonis Hare, Armigi. interioris templi socii, qui Johannem Hare, milit. filium Radulphi Hare, Mil. Balnei, filiu. Richardi Hare, fratris ejusdem Hugonis et Hugone. filium Johan. Hare, armig'ri, alterius fratris ipsius Hugonis amplissimarum fucultatum hæredes scripsit, obit. calen. Feb. 4*to.* 1619.

Death, time and foul oblivion doth deface,
The goodliest things, that now the world doth grace,
Death ends our glory, time makes death forgot,
Oblivion all devours, as they were not.

Adjoining is a white marble monument with two pillars of the same, veined, of the Corinthian order, their capitals gilt, and supporting an entablature of the same, whereon is the shield of *Hare*, and on each side a pyramid of marble, and on a wall-piece of black marble, in letters of gold,

Vir bonus et sapiens observantissimus æqui
Tam patriæ quà pacis amans, et amatus ab illis
Pauperibus natus, desolatisq; juvandis,
Defensor juris, libertatisq; suorum
Strenuus assertor, quid plura recenseo? Vitæ,
Undecies senios fermè implens cælibis annos,
Excessit vitâ, pulchroq; in margine templi,
Quem modo condebat, Nicholaus conditur Harus.
Fratri Radulphus frater, hæres mortuo, amans, amato posuit impensis suis.

The CHURCH was a rectory endowed with 53 acres of land at the survey, and was given by *Reginald de Warren*, 2d son of *William*, the 2d Earl *Warren*, and *Alice* his wife, to the priory of *Carhow:* she was daughter and heir of *William de Wirmegay*, lord of *Wirmegay: William Turbe* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it. *William de Warren*, son of *Reginald*, confirmed it, and gave, with *Muriel*, his sister, on being veiled a nun here, 40 acres of land and a messuage, which he held in *capite*.

VICARS.

1300, *Nicholas de Plumstede*, presented by the convent of *Carhow*.[7]
1309, *John de Bernyngham*, presented by the convent, &c.
1329, *Nicholas de Knapeton*, presented *ut suprà*.
1343, *William de Merkeshale*.

[7] Lib. Instit. Norwic.

1391, *John Large*, presented *ut suprà*. First fruits then 4 marks.

1411, *Richard Sweyn* of *Leverington*, presented *ut suprà*, called late vicar, in the 16th of *Henry* VI.

1497, *Henry Boothby*, on the death of the last vicar, presented, &c.

1498, *John Cowell*, on the resignation of *Boothby*, presented by *Katherine*, prioress, &c. of *Carhow*.

1509, *Gilbert Bachecroft*, on the death of *Cowell*, presented by the convent.

1531, *Thomas Levyngs*, by the prioress, &c. of *Carhow*.

On the dissolution of religious-houses, King *Henry* VIII. by letters patent, dated 2d of *November*, in the 30th year of his reign, granted to Sir *John Shelton*, Knt. of *Shelton* in *Norfolk*, this rectory and the advowson of the vicarage, and on the 26th of *September* in the 1st of *Edward* VI. Sir *John* alienated it to *John Hare* of *London*, mercer.

Thomas Dunning.

1561, *George Longe*, A. M. on the death of *Dunning*, presented by *John Hare*, citizen of *London*. *Presbyter conjugatus, doctus, residet, hospitalis, ibidem, prædicat, licentiatus, duo.*[8] He was also rector of *Southrey*.

1577, *John Weston*, A. M. on the death of *Long*, by *Nicholas Hare*, Esq. rector also of *Wimbotsham*.

1582, *John Thompson*, on the death of *Weston*, by *Nicholas Hare*, Esq. rector also of *Wimbotsham:* here were in 1603, 241 communicants.

1606, *Robert Bate*, A. M. on the death of *Thompson*, by Sir *Ralph Hare*.

1607, *William Ray*, on the resignation of the last vicar, by Sir *Ralph Hare*, rector also of *Wimbotsham* and rector of *Watlington*.

1616, *John Sherwin*, A. M. by Sir *Ralph Hare*, on the death of the last vicar; rector of *Oxburgh*, *Igburgh*, and *Beacham-Well* St. *John;* see in those places.

Thomas Raworth, A. M. rector afterwards of *Barton* St. *Andrew*.

1625, *Edward Bentley*, A. M. on the resignation of *Raworth*.

1633, *Thomas Martin*, on the resignation of *Bentley*, presented by Sir *John Hare*.

1644, *John Collin*, by *Thomas* Lord *Coventry*, (on the resignation of *Martin*,) as trustee for *Roger Hare*.

John Jermy.

1661, *John Bastard*, A. M. on the resignation of *Jermy*, by Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart.

1667, *Edmund Parlett*, by Sir *Ralph Hare*.

1674, *Walter Drury*, A. M. on the death of *Parlet*, presented by Lord *Townsend*, *John Corrance*, *Thomas Savage*, senior, *Edward Barber* and *Robert Wright*, Esq. as trustees for Sir *Thomas Hare*, a minor; rector also of *Wimbotsham*.

1722, *Charles Lake*, on the death of *Drury*, by Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart.

1764, Rev. Mr. *Thomas Moor*, vicar and patron.

This vicarage is valued in the King's Books at 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* clear value 24*l. per ann.* and so is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

The spiritualities of the prioress, &c. of *Carhow*, here, were valued

[8] Parkeri Certificat. in Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant.

in 1428, at 12 marks.—Their temporalities, &c. at 20*s.*—*Peterpence* 11*d.*

In 1622, Sir *Ralph Hare*, Knight of the Bath, gave lands in *Wygenhale*, called *John's Load*, and *Walsingsham's Dole*, to *Thomas Fanshaw*, Esq. &c. feoffees, &c. the profits to be for ever bestowed so as six poor inhabitants dwelling in *Stow*, in the alms-houses built by him, may have one shilling weekly given to each of them, every *Sunday*, in the parish church of *Stow* immediately after morning service; the overplus of the said profits (if there be any) to be bestowed in garments for the poor yearly, at the feast of the nativity of our Blessed Lord.

In this town, somewhat south of the church, and near to the high road, stands an ancient pile of flint and brick, &c. pointing east and west, and has been a chapel or hermitage; it is called at this day the *Pool-house*, and is now converted to a little farm-house belonging to Sir *Thomas Hare*: here seems to have been a gild belonging to it in 1467, called the gild of St. *Botulph* of *Stow* chapel,[9] and perhaps the chapel was dedicated to St. *Botulph*.

STRADSET.

This town stands in a great valley, which *Strath* is said to signify; and several places in *Scotland* take their names from it, as *Strathern*, *Strathnavern*, &c. and in *England*, *Stradshall*, *Stradbrook* in *Suffolk*, &c. At the survey, *Fulber* held 2 carucates of land of *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, who had a grant of this town on the expulsion of *Suartine* a freeman, lord in the time of the Confessor, when there were also 6 villains and 2 bordarers, 1 servus, 8 acres of meadow, the moiety of a fishery, and 2 carucates in demean, 2 oxen, 1 runcus, 2 cows, &c. a church endowed with 30 acres, 140 sheep, &c.—In the said town were 13 freemen, who were deposed, and had 210 acres, and a church with 30 acres, 2 carucates and 7 acres of meadow, which were delivered to *Hermer* for one carucate, to make up one manor. The whole was valued at 4*l.* 15*s.* the protection of 2 of these freemen was, before this, in the Lord *Bainard*, his predecessor. The whole was 7 furlongs long, and 4 broad, paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[1]

Fulbert, who held this lordship of *Hermerus* at the survey, was probably ancestor of the ancient family of *De Stradeseth*, *Richard de Stradeseth*, by *Lætitia*, daughter of *Robert de Capravilla*, was father of *Robert*.—*Jeremy*, son of *Robert*, was witness to a deed of *William*

[9] Reg. Cobalde, p. 126.

[1] Terre Hermeri de Ferrar.—Strateseta ten. Fulb'tus ii. car. tre. quas tenuit Suartine, lib. ho. T. R. E. sep. vi. vill. et ii bord. et i serv. et viii ac. pti. et dim. pisc. et ii car. in dominio, ii boves, semp. i runc. et ii an. et viii porc. Tc. i ecclia xxx ac. xl ov. m°. lxxx in eade. xiii lib. hoes ccx ac. et i ecclia de xxx. ac. sep. ii car. et vii ac. pti. h. fuit lib'atu' p. ficiendu' i man. h. totu valet iiii lib. et xv sol. comdatio. illor, duor' hom. fuit ant. Baignardi. h. villa. ht. vii qr. in longo et iiii. in lato. et reddit. viii*d.* de gelto de xx sol.

de Wirmegey, lord of *Wirmegey*, in the reign of King *Stephen*,[2] and *Robert* to a deed, in the time of *Henry* II.—Sir *Osbert de Stradeseth* (son of Sir *Roger*) and *Maud* his wife gave to *Castleacre* priory 26 acres of land in the moor of *West Walton*, late the land of *Roger le Hare*, for their souls health, except the payment of half a mark *per ann.* to the Bishop of *Ely*, and the work due to the castle of *Wisbech*, *sans date*;—witnesses *Walter de Neishall*, steward to the Earl *Warren*, *Adam de Hackbeach*, *John de Fincham*, &c.

Roger de Stradeset held one knight's fee, when an aid was granted on the marriage of King *Henry* the Third's daughter to the Emperor. *Nicholas* was lord in the 34th of that King, and was after a knight. In the reign of *Edward* II. *Nicholas*, son of *Nicholas* and *Maud* his wife, settled this lordship in tail, and by an inquisition taken *A°.* 20 of *Edward* III. *Nicholas de Stradeseth* was a minor and in the ward of *John* Lord *Bardolf*, being part of his barony; he dying *s. p. Elizabeth*, his sister and heir, married *John Hawkyns*, Esq. serjeant at arms to King *Edward* III. who was lord in the 47th of that King. On his decease it came to their two daughters and coheirs, *Alice*, married to Sir *Ralph Pooley*, and *Margery* to —— *Neffield*, Esq. In the 9th of *Henry* VI. *George Neffield*, Esq. son of *Margery*, was found to have held a moiety of this manor, and *Rose Pygot*, daughter of *Alice*, was his cousin and heir, then aged 40.[3] This *Rose* was the daughter and heir of *Alice*, by Sir *Ralph Pooley*: the said *Alice* married, to her second husband, *Thomas Lathe*, Esq.[4] who died in 1418, and was buried in *Stradeset* church, by whom she had children, and *John Cavendish*, Esq. was her 3d husband, by whom she had 3 daughters, and died his widow in the 6th of *Henry* VI. The abovementioned *Rose* married first *Bartholomew Picot*, Esq. lord of *Framlingham Picot*, and dying in the 11th of *Henry* VI. left *Thomas*, her son and heir, aged 26 years; this *Thomas* removed from *Framlingham Picot*, and settled here in 1437. He was succeeded by his son *Thomas*, who died on *April* 10, in the 3d of *Henry* VIII. and left *John* his son and heir, aged 30, who married *Jane*, daughter of *Peter Bedingfeld*, Esq. of *Quidenham*. This *John* made his will *October* 13, 1550, which was proved the 26th of *May* following, appointing his wife *Jane*, and *Jasper Blake*, Esq. his executors, and his body to be buried in *Stradget* church by his mother. His son and heir, *John*, had livery of this lordship, &c. in the 9th of Queen *Elizabeth*, and paid for this lordship to the Queen, 10*s.* 4*d. per ann.* and for lands late *Robert Rowse's*, and *Edward Steward's*, 2*s. per ann.* He was succeeded by *John* his son, by *Alice*, daughter of *William Butts*, Esq. of *Shouldham Thorp*, and his son *Francis* conveyed it to *John Goldsmith*, Esq. (son of *John Goldsmith* of *Wilby* in *Suffolk*,) who married *Elizabeth*, 2d daughter and coheir of *Gregory Wood* of *Risby* in *Suffolk*, Esq. after whose death she married Sir *Henry Chauncy*, Knt. serjeant at law, of *Hertfordshire*; by *Goldsmith*, she had a son *John*, and a daughter *Elizabeth*, married to *Thomas Thurston*, younger son of *Nathaniel Thurston*, of *Hoxne* in *Suffolk*.—*John* being a lunatick, the estate was in his

[2] Regist. Castleacre, f. 72, &c.

[3] Esch. 9 Hen. VI. N. 39.—Esch. 6 Hen. VI. N. 37.—Esch. 11 Hen. VI. N. 9.—Esch. 3 Hen. VIII.—Reg. Corant. Norw.

[4] Thomas Attelathe married first Alice, daughter and heir of Sir William Wisham and Margaret his wife, and in her right presented as lord to the church of Elingham Parva, in Norfolk, in 1468.

sister *Elizabeth*, whose daughter and heir *Elizabeth*, married to *Robert Buxton*, Esq. of *South Elmham* in *Suffolk*, inherited it, on the death of her mother in 1728, which *Elizabeth Buxton* dying in 1729, it came to her daughter and heir *Elizabeth*, who married —— *Searle*, Esq. and dying under age, *s. p.* ——— *Goldsmith*, Gent. succeeded as heir to this lordship, and conveyed it, in 1747, to *Philip Case*, Esq. of *Lynn*, who now possesses it.

On the screen of the hall, or manor-house, are the arms of *Pigot*, a fess checq. ——— between three pickaxes, and on the ridge tiles, were pigs and goats, as a rebus to the name.

PARADISE MANOR.

This seems to be made up of certain lands, &c. taken out of the lordship of *Stradset*, by *Alice*, daughter and coheir of *John Hawkins*, Esq. abovementioned, and given to her daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Emma*, by *Thomas Lathe*, Esq. *Elizabeth* was married to *John Curteys*, and *Emma* to *John Squirry*, and in the 17th of *Henry* VI. a fine was levied between *Curtis* and his wife, querents, and *Squirry* and his wife, deforcients, of 12 messuages and several parcels of land here, and in *Fincham*.[5] After this, *Elizabeth* married, to her second husband, *Thomas Styward*, and by her will, proved *August* 20, in the 19th of *Edward* IV. she gives several lands, rents, and services here and in *Fincham*, and *Crimplesham*, to her husband *Thomas Styward* and his heirs, on condition that he and they keep yearly her anniversary, and that of her parents in the church of *Stradset*, where she desires to be buried. From this *Thomas* descended *Francis Steward*, Gent. whose daughter and heir dying under age, possessed of the manor of *Paradise*, in *Stradset*, *Fincham*, and *Crimplesham*; and in the 5th of *Edward* VI. *Lawrence Steward*, brother to her father, was found to be her heir, aged 40, and had livery of it.

Mr. *Benn* lately (as it is said) possessed it, and his daughter, married to ——— *Randall*, inherited it, but most of the lands, &c. are sold from it.

DERHAM-ABBEY MANOR.

Sir *Osbert de Stradeset* gave, in the 34th year of *Henry* the Third's reign, the patronage of the church of *Stradset*, with a manor thereto appertaining, to the abbey, and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbot was found to hold 42 acres of land the gift of the said *Osbert*, and 30 acres of the gift of *Ralph de Barshale*, or *Barsham*. It continued here till the Dissolution, when, with the advowson of the vicarage, it was granted, *November* 17, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. to *James Hawe* and *Henry Hawe*, to be held *in capite*, though some lands in the tenure of *John Derham*, belonging formerly to the said abbey, were granted on *July* 23, in the 2d of Queen *Mary*, to *Thomas Reeve* and *Giles Isham*. Afterwards it came to the *Stewards*, and *Francis Steward* presented to the vicarage in 1556; in 1579, *Thomas Parlet*. In this family it continued, till a daughter and heir of *Parlet* brought

[5] Fin. 17 Hen. VI. L. 2. N. 38.——Regist. Castone, Norw. fol. 5.

it by marriage to Mr. *Read*, and his daughter to *Edmund Saffery* of *Downham*, Gent. the present possessor.

The tenths were 5*l.* deducted 1*l.*

The lete was in the abbey of *Ramsey*, and in Sir *George Hare*, Bart. the fee 16*d.*

The temporalities of *Derham* abbey, with those of the priory of *Winwaloy*, were taxed at 9*s.* 8*d.* in 1428, and the spiritualities at 9 marks.

The temporalities of *Shouldham* priory at 8*s.* 4*d.*

In the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, Sir *John Perrot* had lands here and in *Barton*, given him *July* 27, lately belonging to the nunnery of *Blackburgh*.

At a little hill, on the common of this town, by the road from *Norwich*, *Watton*, *Swaffham*, &c. to *Downham*, called *Clacklose* hill, was the sheriff's turn, or hundred court, kept, as may be seen in the account of the said hundred.

The CHURCH of *Stradset* is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is an ancient single fabrick of flint and boulder, or carr stone, having a body in length about 60 feet, and in breadth about 19, covered with reed; at the west end is a four-square tower, with quoins and embattlements of free-stone, wherein hang 3 bells: about the middle of the pavement of the church lies a very large gray marble grave-stone, whereon has been a cross florall, and at the foot of it a lion couchant of brass, near the rim, between two fillets of the same metal, was the inscription, all which is now reaved; by the incision in the stone, made to receive the brass letters, it appears to be in old *French*, and *Saxon* characters; *viz.*

ICI. GIST. DAME. EMMA. DE. MOVNAVT. FEMME. DE. DEVX. BARONS. DIEV. PAR. SA. PITIE. AVEZ. MERCI. DE. SA. AME.

This *Emma* married, first, *Richard Fitz-John*, a baron, patron of *Shouldham* priory, who died *an.* 25 *Edward* I. and after to *Roger de Monte-Alto*, a baron, lord of *Castle Rysing* in *Norfolk*. In the 26th of that King, she held in dower, the manor, chase, and park of *Whaddon*, the manors of *Ailsbury*, *Burton*, and *Quarndon* in *Bucks*, the manor of *Schalford*, and the park of *Alford* in *Surry*, &c.

In the south window at the end of the nave, has been the effigies of St. *John* the Baptist, the lower part of it still remaining; at the bottom of the window, *S'ci Joh'is bapt'e q'i ista' fenestra' fieri fecerunt.* At this window has been an altar; the place for the holy water is still to be seen, and a niche in the wall for a statue: here the priests belonging to the guild of St. *John Baptist*, in this church, officiated; the window opposite, on the north side, seems to have a large cinquefoil, *or*, in a shield, and the windows of the chancel are beautified with the same bearing; most likely in honour of the Lords *Bardolf*, the capital lords, who bore the same. Nothing was more practised in times of popery, than the beautifying and illuminating windows, especially those where any altar was annexed; thus we find that *Mary de Valentia* Countess of *Pembroke* glazed the seventh window in the church of the Gray-Friars at *London*, she caused it to be made and painted at her own expense, to the ancient altar under it.

The chancel is divided from the nave by a screen of wood, being of oak, neatly carved, with flower pots and pillasters of the Ionick order; the breadth of the chancel is equal to that of the nave, and the length is about 26 feet; the communion table is railed in, and has an ascent of three steps. In the east window are the arms of the see of *Ely*, the arms of the *East Angles*, or *Bury* abbey, and the arms of *Derham* abbey. In the north window is a serpent twisting itself about the feet of a dove, and over it—*Ut serpens, ut columba.* On the pavement on the north side of the communion table lies a black marble,

M. S. Johan Scott, A. M. pastoris fidissimi, prudentissimiq; et per annos 43 *hujus ecclesiæ vicarii, qui tandem exutò corpore, senex et cælebs hic requiescit in Domino. obt. Octob.* 24 *an Sal.* 1727, *ætat suæ* 67.

Against the south wall is an achievement, (*Plate I. Fig.* 26.) *gules*, a lion rampant, *argent*, *Wood*, impaling on the dexter side, *gules*, a cross patonce, *argent*, on a chief *azure*, a lion passant, *or*, *Chauncy*; and on the sinister side, *sable*, a fess between three crescents, *argent*, *Goldsmith*; it being the shield of a woman impaled between her two husbands. *Henry Chauncy* of *Yardleybury* in *Hertfordshire*, afterwards Sir *Henry*, married to his second wife, *Elizabeth*, relict of *John Goldsmith* of *Stradset* in *Norfolk*, Esq. one of the coheirs of *Gregory Wood* of *Risby* in *Suffolk*, Gent. by whom he had no issue; she was cut off by the spotted fever at *London*, 14 *August*, 1677, and here buried. On the pavement adjoining lies a black marble; on the summit are the arms of *Goldsmith*, and

John Gouldsmith, Esq. (son of John Gouldsmith late of Wilby in the county of Suffolk) was buried the 23*d of January*, 1669, *aged* 58 *years; also here resteth the body of Elizabeth, the relict of the aforenamed John, who departed this life August* 14, 1677.

Against the north wall is also an achievement (*Plate I. Fig.* 27.), *sable*, three bugle horns, *or*, stringed and garnished *azure*, *Thurston*, impaling *Gouldsmith*; and on a black marble on the pavement—

Here lyeth Thomas Thurston, the fourth son of Nathaniel Thurston of Hoxon in the county of Suffolk, Esq. who married Elizabeth, the 2*d daughter of John Goulasmith of Stradset in the county of Norfolk, Esq. by whom he had* 8 *children, Elizabeth, Mary, and John; he died October* 30, 1683. *Here lyeth John, the son of Thomas, who dy'd May* 14, 1684, *and Elizabeth the wife of Thomas, who dy'd the* 30*th of December*, 1728, *aged* 74 *years, she liv'd his widow* 45 *years.*

On the said pavement lies a little gray marble, having the portraiture of a man in complete armour, his hands conjoined, and a lion couchant at his feet in brass, and on a plate

Hic jacet Thomas Lathe armig.[6] *qui obiit in vigil. S'ci Bartholomei, Ap'li An. Dni.* M. CCCCXVIII. *cuj'q; a'ie p'p'tiet. Deus, Amen*; there have been three brass shields belonging to this stone, but only one remaining, with the arms of *France* and *England*, quarterly.

This church was given in the beginning of King *Henry* the Third's

[6] This Thomas Lathe was a great favourite of King Henry IV. who gave him lands, houses, &c. at Lynn, that were forfeited, and esquire probably of the King's body.

reign to the abbey of *West Derham*, by Sir *Osbert de Stradset*, and soon after, in the said reign, it was appropriated to the abbey, and a vicar endowed; the abbot had a manse with 30 acres of land, valued at 6 marks; the vicar had a manse with 54 acres of land and 2 of meadow, which the abbot detained, and kept to himself; *Peterpence*, 12*d*.

VICARS.

1314, *Nicholas de Duntone*, presented by the abbot, &c. of *West-Derham*.

1349, *John de Totyngton*, by the abbot, &c.

1349, *Thomas Caldwer*, by the abbot, &c.

1368, *Henry Pollard*, by the abbot, &c.

1390, *Henry Brampton*, by papal provision.

Thomas Hunnock.

1401, *William Okely* on the resignation of *Hunnock*, by the abbot, &c.

1408, *John Andrew*, by the abbot, &c.

1416, *John Attonesend* of *Conyngton* in the diocese of *Lincoln*, on the resignation of *Andrew*, by the abbot, &c.

1428, *Henry Shaw* of *Rungton-Holme*, on the death of the last incumbent, by the abbot, &c.

Nicholas Astell.

1472, *John Phelip*, canon of *West-Derham*, by the abbot, &c. on the death of *Asthell*.

1482, *Thomas Wigenhale*, canon of *West-Derham*, by the abbot, &c.

1484, *William Feltwell*, canon, &c. by the abbot, &c.

1505, *Robert Morpit*, on the death of *Feltwell*, by the abbot, &c.

1520, *Peter Tilney*, on the death of *Morpit*, by the abbot, &c. this vicarage was then valued at 40*s*.

1540, *William Susanne*, on the death of the last vicar, presented by *William Peers*, and *John Cresy*, on a grant *hâc vice* from the abbot, &c.

1555, *Hugh Tayler*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, by lapse, rector of *Downham* also.

1556, *Roger Walker*, by *Francis Steward*, Gent.

Dns; Rog. Walker, presbiter non conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, residet, non hospitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, nullum aliud.[7]

Robert Archer.

1579, *Elias Cometick*, on the deprivation of *Archer*, by *Thomas Parlet* of *Downham Market*: in his answer to King *James*, in 1603, he observes that there were 60 communicants here; he was A. B. and rector of *Boughton* by dispensation from the Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

1603, *John Hodgson*, A. M. by *Francis Parlet*; he occurs vicar till 1651; in which year I suppose he died.

1651, *Myles Tayler*, signs himself minister in the parish register.

Robert Gilbert occurs vicar in 1656, as appears from the said register.

1662, *William Life*, A. B. on the death of *Gilbert*, by *Edmund Parlet*, clerk, buried in his own church, 15 *April*, 1682.

[7] Parkeri Certificat.

1682, *John Scot*, A. B. on the death of *Life*, by *Ann Parlet*; buried in his own church, 27 *October*, 1727.

1727, *William Harvey*, presented by *Edmund Saffery*, rector also of *West Wynch*, and of *Fincham*.

1745, *Love Shipley*, by *Edmund Saffery*, Gent. rector of *Snoring Parva*.

This vicarage is valued in the King's Books at 3*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and being in clear value 25*l*. *per ann*. is discharged of tenths and first-fruits.

Burials.

Peter Machon, by his will, dated 5 *July*, 1471, desires to be buried in the churchyard of St. *Mary Stradsete*, bequeaths to St. *John's* gild for a light 6*d*. to St. *Mary's* gild here, 4*d*. to St. *Mary's* light, 4*d*.[8]

Francis Steward, Gent. 16 *March*, 1559.—*Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Pigot*, Gent. 18 *July*, 1582.—*Thomas*, son of *John Pigot*, Gent. 10 *February*, 1583.—*Laurence Steward*, Gent. 24 *March*, 1605.—*Gilbert Pigot*, son of *Thomas Pigot*, Gent. 23 *February*, 1609.—*Mary*, daughter of *Francis Pigot*, Gent. 1 *November*, 1611.—*Thomas Pigot*, Gent. 8 *October*, 1612.—*Elizabeth*, daughter of *Francis Pigot*, Gent. 30 *December*, 1614.—*Susan*, daughter of *Francis Pigot*, Gent. 8 *June*, 1617.—*Alice Pigot*, widow, 6 *November*, 1620.—Mrs. *Ann Vahon*, 22 *May*, 1657.—*John Gouldsmith*, Esq. 22 *January*, 1669.—*Elizabeth*, wife of *Henry Chauncey*, Esq. 18 *August*, 1677.—*Barbara*, wife of *John Thurston*, Gent. 24 *June*, 1682.—*Thomas Thurston*, Gent. 9 *November*, 1683.—*Mary*, daughter of *Thomas Thurston*, Gent. 7 *January*, 1684.—Mrs. *Elizabeth Thurston*, 3 *January*, 1728.—Mrs. *Elisabeth Buxton*, 17 *October*, 1729.

UPWELL AND OUTWELL.

THE greatest part of these towns with their lands, lie in *Cambridgeshire*, or the isle of *Ely*, but as the churches of both stand in *Norfolk*, I shall offer some particulars relating thereto. In the book of *Domesday*, *Outwell* in *Norfolk* belonged to the abbey of *Ramsey*, is said to have 16 borderers there, with lands valued at 5*s*. *per ann*.[9] the capital manor of these towns belonged to that abbey and lay in *Upwell*, and extended into *Outwell*, called *Wella*, as having their site on a river: *Ailwin*, a *Saxon*, Duke of the *East Angles*, on his foundation of the said abbey in 969, granted it to that house; there belonged also to it

[8] Regist. Paynot. Norw.

[9] Hundr. de Clechescosa—Terr. Sci. Benedicti de Ramesio—Utuuella xvi bord. val. v. sol. Spelman's Icenia. p. 139.—4 Joh. Rot. 10.—Madox Hist. of the Exch. p. 278.—Præclara quæd. de Cænob. Petrob. et Rameis. by Tho Hearn. p. 187. ex Sprot's Chron.—Reg. Eliens. in Bibl. Cotton. p. 340.

20 fishermen with their manses and tofts, who were to find it with 60,000 eels yearly, &c. all which was confirmed by the Conqueror.

In the 4th of King *John*, *Upwell* was a town of such account, that it appears form the Pipe Rolls, that the abbot had, as lord it, a mercate.

In the 20th of *Edward* I. it was agreed between *William de Luda* Bishop of *Ely*, and *John de Sautrey*, abbot of *Ramsey*, at *Wiselyngham* on *Saturday* before the feast of St. *Mark*, that the lete of *Welle* should for the future be kept by the bailiff of the abbot, in the presence of the Bishop's bailiff, if he so thought fit, as it used to be peacefully kept till the 14th of *Henry* III. and that the Bishop should have his court of his tenants without the hundred of *Clacklose*, of all pleas belonging to a court baron.

King *Henry* VI. grants to the Bishop of *Ely*, and *John*, abbot of *Ramsey*, one common and open mercate weekly, and a fair yearly, on St. *Peter* and *Paul's* day, at *Upwell*, with all the profits; dated the 5th of *April*, *an.* 1, at *Lincoln;* and in 1428, the temporalities of this abbey, in *Upwell* and *Outwell*, were valued at 19*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and their spiritualities here and *Modeney* priory in *Helgey*, at 2*l.*; on its dissolution it was granted, on 20 of *July*, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. to *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. on the payment of a fee farm rent of 1*l.* 9*s.* 4*d. per ann.* which payment was made in the first of Queen *Mary*, on the 16th of *June ;* and by *Dorothy*, daughter and coheir of the said *Edmund*, came by marriage to Sir *Robert Bell.*

BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR.

That there was a lordship in *Well*, belonging to the church of *Ely* before the conquest, appears from ancient records, and seems to be part of the endowment of *Ethelwold* Bishop of *Winchester*, on the founding the Benedictine monastery therein, who purchased, about the 10th year of King *Edgar*, the whole isle of *Ely* free from all royal subjection, and gave it to that church ;[1] but on the erection of the see of *Ely*, it became part of the Bishop's endowment. In the reign of *Edward* I. it appears from a register of the see of *Ely*, that the Bishop's manor here was in *Cambridgeshire*, or isle of *Ely*, in the hundred of *Wichford*, but extended into *Norfolk;* several tenants being in that county, and the hundred of *Clackclose :* the Bishop had foldage of his free tenants, weyf and stray, several fisheries and all royal fisheries in the Bishop's liberty belonged to him, giving 4*d.* to the finder; and the patronage of the church of St. *Clement* in *Outwell*, was in that see; the demesne was only 8 acres, called *Hall-Croft.* The lord may have a wind or a water-mill, but his tenants are not obliged to grind there: Sir *Ste. de Marisco*, Knt. held 4 messuages; the prior of *Mirmound*, 100 acres, which belonged to *Henry de Alta Villa*, 2*s. per ann.* the prior of *Molycourt*, a croft which belonged to *John Supereure*, at 6*d. per ann.* the canons of *Thrilling*, 24 acres at 6*d. per ann. John de Walpole* 1 acre by knight's service, which was *Alan de Enemeth's.*

In an account of *Edward Pierpoint*, receiver general of the reve-

[1] Hist. Eliens. Regr. El. p. 94. in Bibl. Cotton.

nues of this see, about 3 and 4 of *Philip* and *Mary*, the Bishop's revenues in *Well* amounted to 2*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*; after this in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was vested in the Crown.

There being anciently several disputes and contests between the Bishops of *Ely*, and the abbots of *Ramsey*,[2] there were boundaries settled to their mutual satisfaction, which are still upon record.

BEAUPRE-HALL MANOR.

The site of this manor is in *Outwell* and in the county of *Norfolk*, and takes its name *Beau-pré*, or *de Bello Prato*, from the fine meadows that surround it. The first lord of this manor that I meet with on record is Sir *Thomas de St. Omer*, Knt. in an old deed about the end of the reign of *Henry* III. (but *sans* date,) in the court of the Exchequer. In a bag of deeds of the county of *Norfolk*, it is recited, that whereas there had been difference between the prior of *Lewes*, and Sir *Thomas*, Knt. of *St. Omer*, *Symon le Curteis*, and other parceners in *Upwell* marsh in *Norfolk*, in which the prior claimed common, and the others denied him; by this deed it was agreed that the prior should have right of common for all his own cattle belonging to his manor of *West Walton*, freely, but neither the prior, his tenants, or villains, &c. should bring cattle out of his other manors to feed there, and that the prior should be helping to them to maintain the liberty of common according to their quantity of their lands in *Upwell*. Witnesses, *Adam de Hakebeche*, *Walter de Denevere*,[3] Knt. *Josceline*, son of *Nicholas de Walpole*, &c.

This family of *St. Omer* is on the roll, amongst those persons of note and eminency who came over with *William* the Conqueror, (*Hugh de St. Omer* is mentioned as a baron of the realm by *Mat. Paris*,) and no doubt was seated here, nigh the time of the conquest; and mention is made by Sir *Henry Spilman* of *John de St. Omer*, of *Well*, who wrote an answer to a monk of *Peterburgh*, who in the reign of King *John*, wrote a lampoon in *Latin* against the country people of *Norfolk*, and Sir *John de St. Omer* was keeper of the wardrobe to King *Henry* III. *an.* 33.—In the fourth of *Edward* I. 1276, *Everard*, prior of *Mulicourt*, leased lands to Sir *William de St. Omer*. In 1274, he, with *Thomas de St. Omer*, and *William de Rivers* had the King's letters of protection, as proxies for him, then going to the council of *Lyons;* and in 1275, Sir *Thomas* was with *Simon de Grey*, justice itinerant in *Cambridgeshire*. Sir *William de St. Omer* lived at *Well* in the 42d, and in the 53d of *Henry* III. was judge of the assise at *Cambridge*, ——— and living *an.* 14 *Edward* I.

Sir *Tho. de St. Omer* was his son, and had large possessions left him by his father, being lord of *Brundal*, *Mulbarton*, &c. in *Norfolk*. In a north window of *Mulbarton*, was to be seen painted in the glass, an armed knight kneeling; behind him his lady kneeling, and behind her a young lady, her daughter, kneeling; on his armour and over his head, was his arms, *azure*, a fess between six cross crosslets, *or;* on his

[2] Tho. Hearn's Edit. of Sprot's Chron. p. 198. Oxfd. vol. ii. f. 23. Adam de St. Omer, mayor of Lynn in 1275.

[3] Matt. Parr. p. 126.--Rymeri Fæd.

lady's vestments, and over his head, was *gules*, three sinister hands couped, *argent*, under them, this French legend, *Priez pour les almes de Mounsieur Thomas Seutomeris et Dume Petrinelle sa femme, qui sit faire ceste fenestre.* His lady *Petronilla*, was the daughter of *Nicholas de Malmains*;[4] this is to represent that Sir *Thomas* who was living in the reign of *Edward* III.

It appears that Sir *Thomas*, aforesaid, son of Sir *William*, left no issue male, and that this lordship became the inheritance of *Christian* daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas St. Omer*, who lived in the reign of *Edward* I. she married *John*, son of *Gilbert de Beaupre*, whose ancestors had considerable possessions in these townships. This *John Fitz-Gilbert* appears, by ancient deeds, to have inherited also from them a manor in *Well*;[5] to this *John*, *Nicholas Durdant*, rector of *Lucham* in *Norfolk*, for a certain sum of money, granted several villains, *cum totâ sequelâ*, and the lands they held of him by deed *sans date*; witnessess, *John de Dunham*, *John de Arsicks*, *Ralph de Rothyngs*, Knts. and to the said *John Henry de Hale*, clerk, granted the advowson of the priory of St. *Mary de Mulicourt*, by deed dated at *Utwell*, on *Thursday* after the feast of St. *Peter ad Vincula*, in 1313, soon after which the said *John Fitz-Gilbert* died.

Richard de Beaupre, son and heir of this *John*, was lord, and married *Catherine*, daughter of *Osbert de Mundeford*, Esq.

Sir *Thomas de Beaupre* was his son and heir, who married *Joan*, daughter of *Thomas Holbeach*. Esq.; he lived in the reign of *Edward* III. and by a deed dated 1362, to which is his seal, it appears, that his arms were, on a bend, a pallet between two cross crosslets, and the same were to be seen in the east window of the chancel of *Outwell*.

Nicholas was his son and heir, who married *Margaret*,[6] daughter of *Richard Holdich* of *Didlington*, in *Norfolk*, Esq.; this *Nicholas*, by his will dated the 1st of *September* 1380, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chapel of St. *Mary* in *Outwell*, to the repair of the church 11*s.*; to the high altar 12*d.*; to the repair of the church of *Welyngham* 11*s.*; to the high altar 12*d.*; and the residue of his moveable goods, to *Margaret* his wife and *Thomas de Walton*, prior of *Molycourt*, to dispose of as they see good, for the honour of God and his soul's health. This *Nicholas* died in 1404.

The will of *Joan*, mother of *Nicholas*, and late wife of Sir *Thomas*, is dated on *Sunday* after the feast of St. *Matthew*, 1392, and bequeaths her body to be buried in the churchyard of St. *Clement* in *Outwell*, to the lights of every altar in the said church 12*d.* to the repair of it 13*s.* 4*d.* to the mending of two bridges 11*s.* and appoints *Nicholas* her son, and *Thomas*, rector of that church, executors.

This *Nicholas* had a son of his own name, who by his will dated 24th of *September* 1428, ordains his trustees in the manor of *Wesenham*, &c. to keep the same for the raising of 200 marks to fullfil his

[4] A daughter and coheiress of this Sir Thomas and Petronilla, his wife, (heiress of Malmain,) Alice, was married to Sir William Hoo; Elizabeth was an other daughter and coheir, by a second wife of Sir Thomas. Blomfd. Hist. Norf. vol. iii. p.

[5] Evident. pen. Beaup. Bell, Armig.

[6] The will of Margaret was proved 29th of Sept. 1404, and she was buried in the chapel of St. Mary in Outwell church.—*Regist. Harsyke. fol.* 313.

last will, to be disposed of in masses, &c. for his soul, and those of his ancestours; bequeaths vestments to the value of 20*l.* to the church of *Outwell*, to the prioress of *Blackberge* 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.*[7] out of his lands, &c. in *South Lenn;* xs. to be given amongst the poor of *Outwell*, to *Elizabeth* his daughter 10 marks, 10*l.* to be disposed of for his burial; to the guild of *Corpus Christi* 40*d;* to that of St. *Mary* 6*s.* 8*d.* to that of St. *Christopher* and St. *John* in *Outwell* 40*d.* to be equally divided; to *Margaret*, his son *Thomas's* wife, 40*s.* for her own use; to *Alice*, wife of *Martin Capper*, 13*s.* 4*d.;* to each of his executors 40*s.* and to the monks of *Mulicourt* 20*s.;* and to be buried in the church of *Outwell*, by *Margaret* his late wife; and proved by his son *Thomas*, the 9th of *March* 1429. *Regist. Surflete. pt.* 2. *fol.* 52.

Thomas de Beaupre was his son and heir, who married *Margaret*, daughter of *John Meers* of *Lincolnshire*, Esq.; she, by her last will, dated on *Monday* after the feast of *Easter*, 1439, bequeaths her body to be buried in St. *Mary's* chapel in the church of *Outwell*, before the image of St. *John* Baptist, gives to the guilds and church of *Outwell*, 8 marks, for a priest to pray one year for her soul, &c. and it was proved on the 6th of *June* following.—In the year 1452, the will of *Thomas de Beaupre* bears date on the feast of St. *Dionysius*, bequeaths to *Margaret* his wife the manors of *Frevyles* and *Southall* in *Welyngham, Norfolk*, for life, and 40*s. per ann.* out of his manor in *Outwell*, and the said manors to *Robert* his son (on the death of *Margaret*) if he should so long live, and to his heirs male, and in default thereof, then to *Thomas* his son and heir, &c. to *John Brigg*, 10*l. per ann.* out his manor in *Wesynham*, (which *John* married *Elianore*, daughter of the said *Thomas*,) till he should receive out of it the sum of 50*l.* and then to his son *Thomas*, &c. by this it appears he married a second wife, *Margaret*, who was, as I take it, daughter of *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq. senior, and by a deed dated 1448, the said *Osbert* delivered seisin of the manors of *Frevyles* and *Southall* in *Welyngham*, to the said *Thomas* and *Margaret*, which he had of the said *Thomas;* which was most likely on a marriage settlement.

Thomas de Beaupre, Esq. was his son and heir, who in 1459, his father being then alive, married *Margaret*, daughter of *Robert Ashefield*, Esq. of *Stow-Longtoft* in *Suffolk*.

Nicholas de Beaupre, Esq. was his son and heir, who in 1493, married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Fodryngey*, as will appear from this following covenant.

" This indenture made the 14th day of *November*, the 7th year of " the reigne of King *Harry* the VII. betwix Sir *Robert Radcliff* and " dame *Katherine* his wife, on the oon party, and *Nicholas Beaupre* " on the other party, witnesseth that whereas the said Sir *Robert* and " dame *Katherine*, have in their kepyng and governaunce oon *Marga-* " *ret Fodringgey*, oon of the daughters and heyres of *Thomas Fodryng-* " *gey*, late of *Brockley* in *Suffolk*, gentilman, the said *Nicholas*, before " the feast of the nativity of St. *John* Baptist next comyng, by the " assent, help and favor of the said Sir *Robert* and dame *Katherine*, " and for the faithfull love, that the said *Nicholas* hath long time had " to the said *Margarēt*, shall by the grace of God, marry and take to

[7] Elizab. Beaupre, prioress of Blackburgh in Norfolk, resigned in Sept. 1434, probably sister of this Nicholas.

" wif the said *Margaret*, and espowsells between them shall be solem-
" mynised, for the which, &c. the said *Nicholas* shall be bound; and
" cause also with him, *Thomas Beaupre*, his father to be bound, &c.
" to the said Sir *Robert* and *Katherine*, &c. in the sum of XL*l.* pay-
" able, &c. and the same Sir *Robert* and *Katherine*, &c. graunteth by
" these presents to delyver the said *Margaret*, to the said *Nicholas*,
" unassured to any person, &c."

The will of this *Nicholas* is dated on the feast of St. *Thomas* the Apostle, 1513, wherein he bequeaths his body to be buried in the chapel of St. *Mary* in the church of *Outwell* amongst his ancestors;[8] to *Henry* his brother CCS. *per ann.* out of his manors of *Beaupre*, *Southall*, &c. and his son *Edmund* to enter in the said manors, &c. when he comes to the age of 21 years, and to him and his heirs, and in default thereof, to *Nicholas* his son; to the said *Nicholas* his manor of *Northall* in *Wesingham*; mentions his daughter *Margery*, cousin *Fincham*, and cousin *Munford*, proved the 24th of *January* 1514, and the said *Margaret*, died the 20th of *February*, in the 6th year of *Henry* VIII. seized of *Brockley* in *Suffolk*, and *Edmund* was her son and heir, 13 years old,[9] which *Edmund* married *Margery*, daughter of Sir *John Wiseman*, of *Great Thornham* in *Suffolk*, and *Elizabeth*, his wife, as appears from the will of the said *Elizabeth*, (then his widow,) dated the 4th of *October*, 1548, wherein mention is made of this *Margery*, and her four daughters, by the said *Edmund*; *Catherine*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, and *Ann*, who were then all alive, and was proved the last day of *October* 1551. His 2d wife was *Katherine*, daughter of *Philip Bedingfeld*, Esq. This *Edmund*, died the 14th of *February*, 1567, and by the marriage (as it is said) of *Dorothy*, another daughter and coheir to Sir *Robert Bell*, this manor of *Beaupre* was vested in that family. In the will of Lady *Wiseman* abovementioned, this *Dorothy* is not mentioned, the daughters of *Edmund Beaupre* there mentioned, I find from several ancient pedigrees to be thus disposed of, *Catherine*, married *Edmund Wright*, ————; *Elizabeth* died young; *Mary* married *Richard Berwick*; and *Ann* married *Nicholas Wright*. *Spilman* says[1] that this *Dorothy* was by the late wife of *Winter*,[2] but does not further explain himself. It appears that she was married to *Bell* on the 15th of *October* 1559, which is about eleven years after the date of the Lady *Wiseman's* will. Sir *Robert Bell* was Speaker of the House of Commons *A°*. 14 *Elizabeth*, was chief baron of the Exchequer, and died of the pestilential vapour, at *Oxford*, at the assizes there in 1577, which destroyed also the high sheriff, most of the grand jury, and above 300 more, and his widow was married to Sir *John Peyton*, lord lieutenant of the Tower of *London*.

In this family the manor of *Beaupre* continued till the death of *Beaupre Bell*, Esq. in 17 --, who dying unmarried, gave it by will to his youngest sister, *Elizabeth*, who married *William Greaves*, Esq of *Fulborne*, in *Cambridgeshire*, who in right of his wife is the present lord. See the pedigree following of *Bell*.

[8] Regr. Spirlinge, fol. 93. He also wills 2 candlesticks of Laton, with 2 wax candles of 2 pound to be set upon his grave, to burn every Sunday and holiday, at matins, hey mass and even-song for the space of a yere.

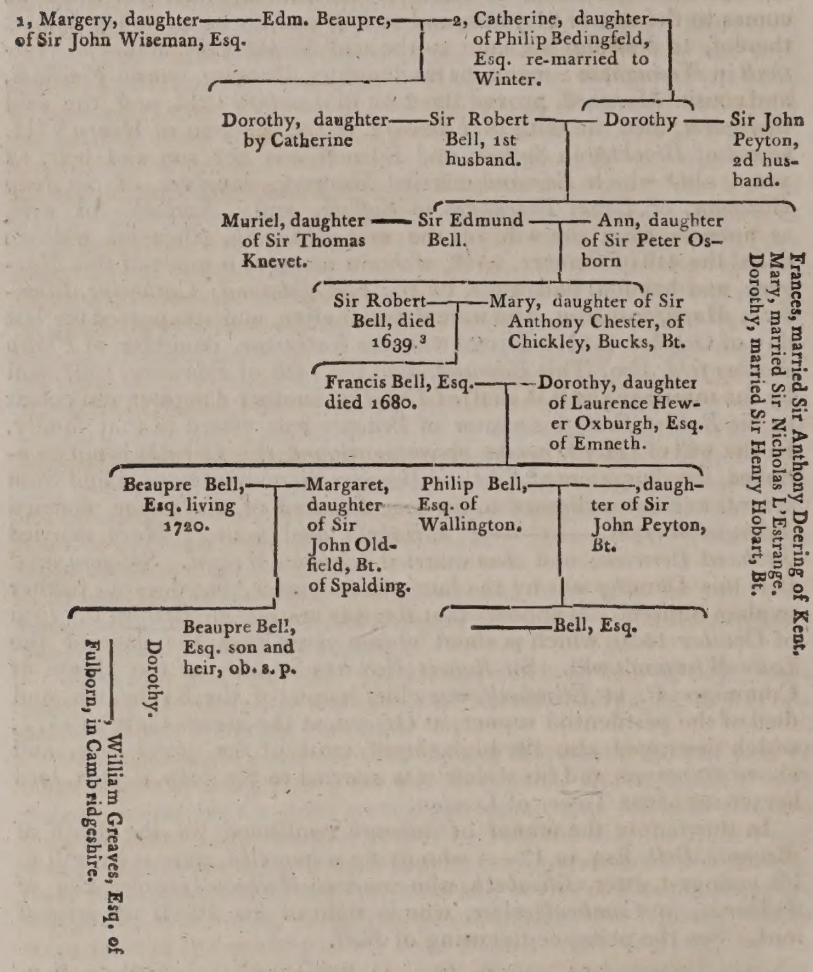
[9] Esch. 6 Hen. VIII. N. 117.—Reg. Corant Norw.

[1] Spilm. Icen. p. 139.—Regist. Eccl. de Outwell.

[2] Cath. Winter presented to the church of Southacre, in 1578, so that I take it she was relict of Edmund Beaupre, Esq. (mother of Dorothy, who married Sir Rt. Bell.) and after remarried ———— Winter.

I find also from an old record, that on the death of *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. many of his lands came to *Mary*, late wife of *Richard Berwick*, *Anne Wright*, widow, *Edward Wright*, son and heir of *Catherine Wright*, and *Christian*, daughters and coheirs of *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. but this lordship was given by the said *Edmund*, to *Dorothy*, his daughter, by *Catherine*, daughter of *Philip Bedingfeld*, Esq. who married Sir *Robert Bell*, and afterwards Sir *John Peyton*, lieutenant of the Tower of *London*.

THE PEDIGREE OF BEAUPRE, BELL, &c.



[3] Sir Robert married a 2d wife, ——, the widow of Edward Anderson, Esq. eldest son of Sir Edmund Anderson, lord chief justice; she died *s. p.* by Sir Robert.

WEST DERHAM ABBEY MANOR.

This consisted of parcels of lands, fisheries, rents and services, given by many persons: the principal persons were *Thomas de Burgo*, son of *Walter*, who in the reign of *Henry* III. gave to that abbey a messuage and 50 acres of land in *Upwell*; *Alan*, the merchant of *Well*; *William le Curteis*, who in 1237, bequeathed his body to be buried there; *Ralph*, son of *Stephen Ruch*; *John*, son of *Osbert de Well*, *Albrict*, son of *Walter de Wells*, &c. gave them lands here, &c.; and in the 19th of *Edward* I. the abbot of *West Derham* was found to have a manor here, which extended into *Outwell* and *Emneth*. In 1428, the temporalities of the said abbey here were valued at 10*l*. 13*s*. 8*d*.

On its dissolution it came to the Crown, and on the 16th of *June* in the first of Queen *Mary*, was given to *Edmund Beaupre* to be held by knight's service, it being then farmed by him with lands thereto belonging in *Outwell* and *Emneth*, in the tenure of *Nicholas Steward*;[4] and it passed (as is observed in *Beaupre* manor) from him to the *Bells*, &c.

William Earl *Warren* had at the survey 6 borderers in *Outwell*.[5]

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the Earl *Warren* was found to hold a manor here, after this I find no further account of it; being held by the *Beaupres*, as I take it, and united to their manor of *Beaupre-hall*.

LORD BARDOLPH'S MANOR, ALIAS CRIKTOTS.

At the survey, *Hermerus* de *Ferrariis*, ancestor of the Lords *Bardolph*, had six bordarers here.[6]

In the 50th of *Henry* III. *Thomas de Yford (Ufford)* held it, and had a swan mark on the water of *Well*, he impleading divers for taking them, and the sheriff returned that the malefactors lived in the isle of *Ely*, or confines, and that he could not do his office by reason of those persons, who were disinherited, and lurked thereabouts.

Hugh, prior of *Lewis*, granted by fine in the 56th of the said King, to *Robert de Oford*, one messuage, 55 acres and 3 roods of land, and a moiety of a fishery here; but in the 27th of *Edward* I. Sir *William de Criketot* of *Criketot* in *Suffolk* was found to hold the same in soccage of *Hugh*, Lord *Bardolph*, in *Upwell*, valued at 5*s*. *per ann*. with the manors of *Ashfield*, *Ixworth* and *Ousden*, in *Suffolk*, leaving *William* his son and heir.

In the 47th of *Edward* III. *William Walsham* and *Thomas Ikeworth*, released to *Richard de Pakeham* and *Joan* his wife, heir to the *Criketots*, all their rights in the manors of *Upwell* and *Outwelt*, *Criketots*, and in all the lands, &c. in *Ashfield Magna* and *Parva*, *Hunteston*, *Langham*, *Walsham*, *Wyverston* and *Wetherden* in *Suffolk*, and to the heirs of their body, excepting the lands that *Alberick de Wyke* gave to *William Criketot* and *Isabel* his wife. In the 1st of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *Nicholas Goddard* of *Tirington*, querent, and

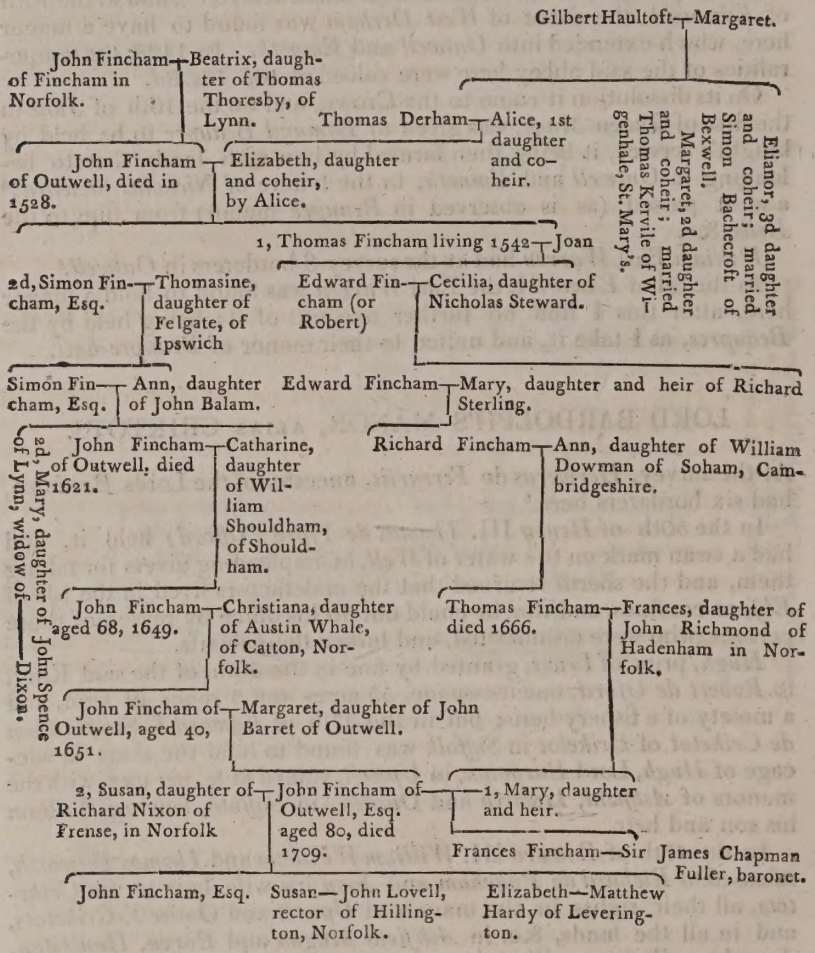
[4] 1. Mar. Pt. 7.

[5] Terr. Will. de Warrenna — In Utuuella 6 bord. Rot. Hund. Clackl. 3d. Ed. I. in Cur. Recept. Sccij.

[6] Terr. Hermeri de Ferraijs. — In Wella, 6 bord.

Richard Pakenham and *Joan* his wife, deforcients, of lands here, and the 4th part of a fishery, granted to *Nicholas*. After this, *Gilbert Haultoft*, Esq. baron of the Exchequer, in the reign of *Henry* VI. was lord:[7] he was buried in the church of *Outwell*, and left it to his daughter and coheir, *Alice*, who married *Thomas Derham* of *Crimplesham*, Esq. and by *Elizabeth*, his daughter and coheir, it came by marriage to *Thomas Fincham*, Esq. in which family it lately remained.

FINCHAM'S PEDIGREE, OF OUTWELL.



Sautreys, or *Wells, Norton's* manor and *Hackebech* in *Upwell;* these manors *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. was found to die seized of; they came also to the *Bells*, and are now held by *William Greaves*, Esq.

[7] Pla. Sci. Mich. coram. Rege 50, &c. Hen. III. R. 3d.—Fin. Norff. Lig. 10. N. 41, Nr. 68.——Esch. 27 Ed. I. Nr. 47.—Claus. 47 Ed. III. M. 18 and 16, —Fin. 1 Rd. II. L. 1. N. 6

Thurning manor in *Upwell*, with its appertenances, granted 28 *July*, in the 30 of *Henry* VIII. to *Tho. Meggs* to be held in *capite*.

WALSINGHAM MANOR.

Walter de Burgo released by deed, *sans* date, all his right in the homages, reliefs, services, &c. of the lands given by *Roger Godlomb* to the canons of *Walsingham* in *Norfolk*, and held by him in *Upwell*, opposite to *Mullicourt*, containing in all 380 acres with the tithes.[8] *Simon de Outwell*, *Jeffrey*, his son, and *Reginald*, son of *Jeffrey*, gave them also several lands here; in 1428, the temporalities of this house were taxed at 1*l.* 10*s.*

On the Dissolution, it was granted 12 *September*, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to *John Eyre*, Esq.

The nunnery of *Nun-Eaton* in *Warwickshire* had also a manor here that extended into *Elme*, and *Emneth*, the temporalities of which were taxed at 2*l.* 11*s.* in 1428; this was granted 6 of *June*, in the 33 of *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Mannours* Earl of *Rutland*, to be held in *capite*, and was then in the tenure of *William Fyndon*.[9]

The tenths of these towns were 13*l.* Deducted 1*l.* Remain to pay 12*l.* *Upwell* lete fee, is 3*s.* 4*d.*

Many religious houses had possessions here—Abbot of St. *Noet's*, was charged at 20*s.* *per ann.* for his temporalities given by the Earls of *Clare*.[1]

The prior of *Lewes*, was taxed in 1428, for his temporalities in *Upwell* and *Outwell*, 2 marks.

Abbot of *Thorney*, 7*s.* 6*d.*—Prior of *Ely*, 1*l.* 2*s.*—Monks of *Thetford*, 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*—Abbot of *Peterburgh*, 4*s.*—Prior of *Norwich*, 2*l.*—Prior of *Ixworth*, 2*l.* 8*s.*—Prior of *Hempton*, by *Fakenham* in *Norfolk*, 16*s.*—*Bury* abbey, 12*s.*[2]—Prior of *Castleacre*, 3*s.*—Priory of *Crabhouse*, 12*s.*—*Simon Selvald* of *Upwell*, with the consent of *Maud*, his wife, gave the monks of *Castleacre* the moiety of all his land. Witnesses, *Hugh* dean of *Fincham*, Sir *Osbert de Stradsete*, &c.[3]—*Droge* confirmed the grants made by his father, and gave all that he had in *Wells* to the said priory. Witnesses, *Valerian*, canon of St. *Mary de Sudwerk*, *Odo*, priest of the parish, &c.—*Alexander de Alezun* gave, with his body, to that priory 40 acres, and 40 to the monks of *Lewes*. Witnesses, *Ralph*, prior of *Castleacre*, *Eborard*, *capellan. de Hagebech*, &c.—*Gilbert*, son of *Richard*, the tithe of a mill in *Well*, and another in *Wireham* to that priory.—The prior of *Lynn* had lands here in 15 of *Henry* VIII. joining to *Sheep Load*, and 3 furlongs of that load was to be scoured by him. Amongst the manuscripts of *Peter Le Neve*, *Norroy*, was a curious discourse of the marshes and fens in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and *Cambridgeshire*; by *Francis Audeley*, 1604.

In the time of *Adam de Boothby*, abbot of *Peterborough*, there was an indictment at *Northampton* against a stoppage of the water at

[8] Regist. Wallsingh. fol. 126, 128. Pat. 18.

[9] Pat. 2.

[1] Regist. Sc'i Neoti in Bib. Cotton.

[2] Sampson, abbot of Bury, in the reign of Richard I. at the instance of his good friend, Sir Stephen Ridell, granted to Gregory de Mariscis, lands in Welle, held by Reginald Brun, paying 12*d.* *per ann.* to the Abbot's manor of Suthrey. Regr. Nig. Bur. p. 206.

[3] Reg. Castleac. p. 72, 73, & 51.

Upwell, so that the river *Nen* could not have its course to *Lynn*; whereby the counties of *Northampton*, *Lincoln*, *Bedford*, *Huntingdon*, and *Cambridge*, were much endamaged; and a decree was procured from *Geffrey Le Scroop*, the King's chief justice, for clearing the passage. And it appears by a presentment of the jury, made in the 3d of *Edward* III. that the course of the water of the *Nene*, came from *Peterborough*, through the limits of *Upwell*, and that *Walter de Langton* Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, asurer to King *Edward* I. in order to drain his manor of *Coldham* in that neighbourhood, stopt the course of the river with earth and sand, to the great damage of the country. They say on their oaths, that the river *Ouse*, descending from *Huntingdon*, and the river *Nene* from *Peterborough*, met at *Benwick*, had used to run directly thence to the port of *Lenn*, by *Outwell*; and that by the said stoppage, no navigable vessels could afterwards pass to and from *Lenn*, as they had wont to do. And *Dugdale* observes that the river *Ouse*, whose current now discharges itself into the sea by *Lynn*, passed in King *John*'s time, under the town of *Littleport* in the isle of *Ely*, and so on to *Wellenhee*,(*Welney*,) and through the two towns of *Upwell* and *Outwell*, whence it had the name of *Well Stream*, and so under *Walsoken* sea bank, through the washes between *Lincolnshire* and *Marshland*, into the sea; where the river *Nene*, that comes from *Peterborough* through *Wisbeach*, runs through those washes now, and slides into the sea.[4]

The CHURCH of *Upwell* is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and is a large regular pile, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel, all of stone, embattled with brick, and covered with lead; the length of the nave is about 71 feet, and the breadth, including the isles, about 51. About the middle of the nave, lies a marble grave-stone, with this inscription on a plate of brass,

Orate p. aiab; Wilhelmi Damet et Clarisie uxoris ej; qui quid' Wills. obt. ix. *die Novemb. Ao. Dni.* M. ccccccxxvii. *Quor a'iab; p'pit. Deus, Amen.*

Near the desk, on an old grave-stone, deprived of its old plate, is this modern inscription—

Here lieth the body of Abel Butler, gent. son of Abel and Elizabeth Butler, he departed this life July 10*th*, 1714, *aged* 38 *years.*

On several marble stones, here are the following inscriptions,

Here lyeth the body of Abel Butler, gent. who departed this life November the 8, 1702, *aged* 65, *also Elizabeth his wife, who departed this life March the* 5, 1683, *aged* 24 *years.*

On a brass plate,

M. S. Elizabetha, Petri Ashton de Grantham in comitatu Linc. armig. filia, natu secunda, nupsit Petro Dymond de Upwell infra insulam Eliens. in comit. Cantab. armig die Lunæ 25 *Januar.* 1652, *quæ præmissis octo filijs, atq; unâ insuper filiâ, relictis tribus filiabus, atq; unico*

[4] Gunton's Hist. of Peterb.—P'lita Hist. of Imbank. &c. p. 256. 300. Coron. 3 Ed. III. Rot. 70.—Dugd.

filio, tanquam tot charissimi conjugij sui pignoribus mortem obt. Sept. 29, 1676, *An. ætat. suæ* 49.

And under this plate,

Under this stone lieth also Mrs. Frances Audley, who departed this life April 15, 1728, *aged* 77.

And this on a brass shield above, *argent*, on five lozenges in fess, *gules*, between three mullets *sable*, five escallops of the 1st, *Dymond*, impaling, *argent*, a mullet, *sable*, *Ashton*.

Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Audley, gent. who departed this life, the 27 *of August, Ao. Dni.* 1722, *aged* 24 *years.*

And near to the reading desk stands a large eagle on a pedestal, supported by three lions, all of brass. As you ascend,

Maria uxor Tristr. Dymond armig. filia Petri Pretyman de Bacton in com. Suff. gen. obt. 15 *Julij* 1663, *annoq; ætatis suæ* 57.

On a plate, the arms of *Dymond*, and

Tristramus Dymond armig. obt. 6 *Julij* 1660, *Ao. Æt. suæ* 52.

Below this,

Under this stone also lieth the body of Sam. Audley, who departed this life the 7th day of November, Ao. D. 1727, *aged* 66 *years.*

The roof of this nave is ornamented with carved work, and angels, with their wings expanded bearing *insignia* relating to the crucifixion, bear up the principals; the whole is supported by neat pillars forming six handsome arches on each side, with as many windows over them. At the east end of this nave, on the south side, is a stone turret and staircase which led to the rood-loft; and on the north side is a table of the benefactors.

"*Thomas Lamb* of *Upwell*, by his will, *December* 27, 1562, gave to the poor of this parish in *Norfolk*, and the isle of *Ely*, a messuage and 3 acres of land in *Plawfield, Upwell*, to which was allotted by the adventurers a parcel of land in *Neatmoor*, abutting on *Popham's Eau* north; rent to be distributed by the church-wardens at Christmas."

"*John Fox*, by his will, *April* 15, 1626, gave to the poor of *Upwell* in the Isle, an house with two acres of land in the said Isle, in *Upwell*, abutting on the river *Neen* south, to which appertain a lot in *Euximoor*, abutting on the 16 foot drain; the rents to be distributed on Easter *Monday*."

"Also to the poor of *Upwell* in *Norfolk*, one house, abutting upon *Small Load Creak*, to which appertains a *Neatmore* lot abutting upon *Welney* road, to be distributed on Easter *Monday*.—Also an house adjoining, abutting on the said Creak, with a lot in *Neatmore* abutting on the said *Welney* road, and *Mumbrede Drove;* the rents of these to the repair of the church."

"There belong also to the poor of *Upwell*, 3 acres of land in or near *Adcock's* hill in *High Fen*, given to the Isle.—Also 3 acres of land in a place called *Shrewsnest*, abutting upon the old river, and river *Neen* given to the Isle."

"*John Boss*, gave by his will 10*l.* to the poor in *Norfolk, Upwell*,

the interest or rent of the same, to be distributed in bread, yearly, at the feast of St. *Thomas*."

" *Thomas Dixon*, 20*l*. to the poor on both sides; to be distributed in money on Good *Friday*."

" *Matthew Batman*, gave by his last will, 5*l*. *per ann*. out of his estate, for ever, to be distributed amongst the poor in the Isle side, in cloaths, at Christmas; the whole estate is security for this."

" *John Bond* and *John Raper*, Church-wardens, 1727.

The north isle has a neat oaken roof, with angels, &c. as the nave, and on the braces, are many swans carved. At the east end of this isle has been a chapel and altar; on the pavement there lies a marble grave-stone, with the portraiture of a priest; and on a brass plate,

Hic jacet D'ns. Willms. Whitemete quond' rector de Yaxham, qui obt. vii *die mens. Septemb. Ao. Dom.* Millo. ccccxxxii. *cuj; a'e p'pit. Deus Amen.*

Whytemete was also rector of *Oxburgh*, which he resigned; his will is dated 4 *September* 1432; he thereby desires to be buried in the church of *Upwell*, before the altar of St. *John* the Evangelist.[5]

At the west end of this isle stands a tower, the bottom part is four-square, the upper octangular, of boulder, &c. embattled with brick; on this is a shaft or spire of wood covered with lead; in this tower hang 6 large bells, and here is a town clock; it has a porch of stone, covered with lead, and a room over it; on the old door are also several swans carved, as a rebus, likely, to some benefactor of that name, or as a compliment paid to King *Henry* IV. who had a swan for his badge or cognisance.

The south isle has also a roof of the same work, &c. with the north, ornamented with swans; at the east end of it has been an altar; on the pavement lies a marble grave-stone, with the portraiture of a priest in brass, and on a plate,

Hic jacet D'ns. Henricus Martyn quond. rector eccles. de Yaxham, qui obt. primo die mens. Januarij Ao. Dni. Millo cccc.xxxv. *cuj; &c.*

At the west end of this isle lies a stone in form of a coffin, carved, &c. and adorned with crosses pattée.

On the screen that divides the chancel from the nave, has been painted, our Saviour bearing his cross, his ascension, the descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles, the Trinity, an altar with the cup and wafer, supported by two bishops, also several female saints now obscure. The chancel roof is also supported by angels, as the nave, but not of equal beauty; here also are the effigies of demons, grinning, horribly, as offended with the work. On the area of this chancel, which is in length about 44 feet, and about 20 in breadth, lies a marble stone, with a large portraiture of a priest in brass; it has been ornamented with curious canopy work, a rim round it, shields, and a plate of brass, but of these it is now deprived, and was, no doubt, in memory of a rector of this church, probably *Mowbray*. Here also lies a marble grave-stone, with a large plate of brass, and thereon the portraiture of a man and his wife, with a desk between them; behind

[5] Regist. Surflete, p. 26.

the man kneel 7 sons, and behind her 4 daughters; and thus inscribed,

These following verses are alluded to Jane Bell, deceased, the last wife of Sinolphus Bell, Esq. who being aged 62 years, departed this life on Munday, being the 26 of February, 1621.

Here lyeth buried of whome may be sayd
For parentage equall with most in this land.
Noe wyves, maydes, or widdows more hartily pray'd,
Then she in her closset, whose liberal hand,
Was ever releeving the poor in their neede,
For they and diseased of her did well speede.
Her name was Jane Caltropp, as being a mayde,
Her mother a Rookwood of awncient discent,
She married a Bell, and never delayed,
By deeds and good usage to give him content.
Children she had eleven, whereof daughters four,
Of whom remayne seven alive at this hower.

Against the south wall is this achievement, *Bell* with his quarterings; 1, *sable,* fess *ermin,* between three bells *argent, Bell;* 2, *argent,* three piles wavy, *gules,* between twelve martlets *sable, Col;* 3, *argent* on bend, *azure,* a pallet between two crosslets, *or, Beaupre;* 4, *azure,* fess between six cross-crosslets, *or,* St. *Omer;* 5, *argent,* a maunch, *gules,* in a bordure, *azure, Tony;* 6, quarterly, *or* and *gules,* a cross lozengy, *sable,* in the 2d quarter an eagle displayed of the 1st, *Fotheringaye;* 7, *gules,* eagle displayed, *sable,* in bordure engrailed, *or, Strange;* 8, *ermin,* on chevron, *sable,* three crescents, *or, Dorward;*[6] 9, *argent* a cross between four escollops *sable, Coggeshall;* 10, *argent,* lion rampant, gutté de sangue, *Fitz Symons;* 11, *argent,* a bend raguly, *sable,* - - - - - - - -; 12, *argent* on chevron *sable,* three escallops of 1st, *Hawkwood;* 13, *or,* a chief indented *sable, Harsike;* 14, *argent* on a bend, *gules,* three buckles masculy, *or, Watshall;* 15, *ermin,* a maunch, *gules, Gestingthorpe;* 16, quarterly *argent* and *sable,* on bend, *gules,* three mullets, *or, Clipsby,* impaling *Calthrop* and his quarterings; 1, checque, *or* and *azure,* a fess *ermine, Calthrop;* 2, *gules* on chief *argent,* two mullets *sable, Bacon;* 3, *argent,* three escotcheons, *gules, Davillars;* 4, *azure,* three griffins in pale, passant *or, Wythe;* 5, *gules,* fess dauncy between ten billets *or, Brett;* 6, *azure,* a cross formy *or, Mautby;* 7, St. *Omer,* as before; 8, *argent,* lion rampant, *sable, Stapleton;* 9, per pale, *or* and *vert,* a cross moline, *gules, Ingham,* and this motto, *Guarde le Foy.*

Above the screen fronting the chancel is a large piece of painting, in this the church of *England* is represented by a venerable matron, clothed in white, crowned, and seated on a throne, at her feet is wrote, *The church of England;* on her knees lie the Bible and Common Prayer-Book, Book of Homilies, and the 39 Articles; in her left hand, she holds a cup, by this is wrote, *Drink ye all of this;* her right hand points to a font, round which stand godfathers and godmothers, &c. and an infant in the arms of one, by this, *Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not;* over the head of the venerable matron, *Many daughters have done well, but thou exceedest them all;*

[6] See in Southacre.

by her is the communion table spread, and communicants on their knees, under all, this poem;[7]

I joy dear mother, when I view,
Thy perfect lineaments and hue,
Both sweet and bright.

Beauty in thee takes up her place,
And dates her letters from thy face,
When she doth write.

A fine aspect in fit array,
Neither too mean, nor yet too gay,
Shows who is best.

Outlandish looks may not compare,
For all they, either painted are,
Or else undrest.

She on the hills, which wantonly
Allureth all in hope to be
By her preferr'd,

Hath kissed so long her painted shrines
That e'en her face, by kissing shines
For her reward.

She in the valley, is so shie
Of dressing, that her hair doth lie,
About her ears.

While she avoids her neighbours pride,
She wholly goes on th' other side,
And nothing wears.

But dearest mother (what those miss)
The mean thy praise and glory is,
And long may be,

Blessed be God, whose love it was,
To double moat thee with his grace,
And none but thee.

RECTORS.

King *John*, in his 15th year granted this church to *Robert de Gloucester* for life, with the appertenances.[8]

John de Offenham occurs rector 1260, and, by deed, then granted to *John de Burgo*, leave to erect a chapel in his own grounds, saving the rights of his church.

1303, *John de Hadenham*, deacon, presented by the abbot of *Ramsey*.

1331, *John de Sandale*, by *ditto*.

William de Uredale had, in 1335, license not to reside.

[7] Herbert's Poem called the British Church, p. 102.

[8] 15th Joh.——Evid. B. Bell, Armig. ——Lib. instit. Norw. Quere, if this Robert was not the famous old poet.

1351, *William de Stratton*, by the abbot of *Ramsey*.

John Benet, died in 1374.

1396, *Peter Baker*, by, &c.

1396, The name in the institution book is omitted. I take *Thomas Tyrington*, to be the person, by the King, the temporalities of the abbey of *Ramsey* being then in his hands.

1412, *William Mowbray*, on the resignation of *Thomas Tyrington*, by, &c.; this was on an exchange for *Fynchyngfeld* in *London* diocese. *Mowbray*, by his will dated 9th of *November*, 1428, and proved the 15th of *November* following, desires to be buried in the chancel.[9] *Newcourt*, in his Repertor, has omitted this *Thomas Tyrington*.

John Blome succeeds *William Mowbray*, as he calls him, in the vicarage of *Finchingfeld* in *Essex*; vol. ii. p. 264.

1428, *John Martyn*, by, &c.

1446, *John Harnham*, L. L. B. by, &c. on the death of *Martyn*; he was commissary to the Bishop of *Ely*.

1447, *John Ewbank*, on the resignation of *Harnham*, presented by *John*, abbot of *Ramsey*.[1]

1466, *Thomas Cooke*, L. L. B. on the death of *Ewbank*, &c. prebend of *Bedford* major, in the church of *Lincoln*.

1493, *Thomas Hutton*, Decret Dr. on the death of *Cooke*, by, &c. rector of *Gravely*, and *Wardebois* in 1495, archdeacon, as I take it, of *Bedford*, and of *Lincoln*, and prebend of *Brampton* in that church.

1494, *Richard Skypton* on *Hutton's* resignation, by, &c.

1497, *Thomas Hobbys*, S. T. B. on *Skypton's* death, by, &c. I take this *Thomas Hobbys* to be prebend of *Strenshall* in the church of *York*.

1505, *John Harrys*, Decret. Bacc. on *Hobby's* resignation, who had a pension of 10 marks *per ann.* settled on him till he could get a benefice, or benefices of 40*l. per ann.*

1517, *Thomas Leson* on *Harrys's* death. I take him to be prebend of *Gaia Minor*, in the church of *Litchfield*.

1539, *John Badcocke*, on *Leson's* death, by *Thomas Brakyn*, Esq. on a grant *hac vice*, from the abbot; after this the patronage came to *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. as an appendix to the abbot's manor, together with a pension of 2 marks *per ann.* paid by the rector of old, to the sacrist of *Ramsey*, and which was confirmed by *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*: *Presbyter non conjugatus, S. T. P. satis doctus, non residet, non hospitalis, in Cantabrigia*.[2]

1562,[3] *Richard Barton*, by *Thomas Barrow*, *Osbert Mundford*, Esq. and *Edward Leeds*, A. M. executors of the last will of *Thomas Goodrick*, late Bishop of *Ely*, on a grant of the presentation *hac vice*, from Sir *Edmund Montague*, lord chief justice of the King's Bench, to whom *John*, abbot of *Ramsey*, had granted the next presentation. *Non p'dicat, nec licentiatus, null. aliud.*

1567, *Henry Bedingfeld*, by *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. rector also of *Southacre*.

1582, *Peter Fuller*, on *Bedingfeld's* death, by *John Peyton*, Esq.

1595, *John Richardson*, S. T. B. by Sir *John Peyton*, and the Lady

[9] Reg. Surflete, p. 31.
[1] Regist. Abb. de Ramsey.
[2] Parkeri Certificator.
[3] About this time the right of presentation was in dispute, see Dyer's Reports, p. 231.

Dorothy; he was afterwards regius professor of divinity, at *Cambridge,* master of St. *Peter's* and of *Trinity* college, &c. In 1603, 525 communicants were returned to be in this parish.

1625, *Thomas Reeve,* on *Richardson's* death, by *Robert Bell.*

1662, *Nicodemus Parlett,* A. B. on *Reeve's* death, by *Edm. Bell,* Esq.

1666, *Francis Goldwell,* A. M. on *Parlett's* death, by *ditto.*

1691, *Michael Griggs,* L. L. D. on *Goldwell's* death, by the Lady *Susan,* wife to the Lord *Howard* of *Effingham,* rector also of *Cressingham Magna.*

1698, *Talbot Hobart,* A. M. on *Grigg's* death, by *Beaupre Bell,* Esq.

1701, *Hugh James,* A. M. on *Hobart's* death, by *ditto.*

1740, *Timothy Rutter,* on *James's* death, by *John Holmes,* merchant.

1757, *Richard Walker,* D. D. late rector of *Fakenham,* by *William Greaves,* Esq.

1765, *Edward Pemberton. Ditto.*

This rectory is valued in the King's Books at 16*l.*—Tenths are 1*l.* 12*s.*—synodals 3*s.*—procurat. 4*s.*—the old valor was 10 marks.

From ancient wills, these altars appear to have been in this church; the Holy *Trinity*—St. *Mary*—St. *John Baptist*—St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and St. *Edmund's.*[4]

And these lights, Corpus Christi—Holy Cross—St. *Mary,* our Lady of Pity,—St. *Christopher*—that of the Resurrection—St. *Gregory*—St. *Laurence.*

Thomas Wellys of *Upwell,* advocate, by his will dated 14th of *January,* 1475, bequeaths his body to be buried in this church; to the light of Corpus Christi 13*s.* 4*d.* on condition, that light hanging in the chancel burn night and day for ever, and to the other lights according to the direction of his excutors, a meadow piece of 30 acres, to find a chantry priest (and a meadow called *Sallow* meadow, for the said use) to pray for his and his wife *Alice's* soul, and *Henry Wellys's* late archdeacon of *Lincoln,* and *William Whytmete,* late rector of *Yaxham,* &c.

In this parish was also a chapel, dedicated to St. *Botulf.*

In this town and *Outwell* lived the ancient family of *Wells.*

Outwell Church is dedicated to St. *Clement,* and is a large regular building of carr and boulder-stone, &c. consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, and a chancel, all embattled with copings, of stone and brick, the roofs of oak, covered with lead; at the west end of the nave is a foursquare tower of the aforesaid materials, with quoins of free stone; on that is raised a neat spire of wood, covered with lead; in this tower is a ring of five bells, and a town clock, the length of the church from the west door to the chancel, is about 78 feet, and the breadth, including both the isles, about 53 feet.

On a stone in the nave an inscription,

In memory of Robert Mesures, Gent: who married Mary, daughter and heir of Thomas Spencely of South Lynn, Gent: who dyed 27, Dec. 1666, *Æt.* 45.

[4] Reg. Doke, p. 33. Regr. Typp's. Regr. Gelour. Regr. Hurning, p. 6.

Here also is a large brass eagle.

The roof of the south isle is raised like that of the nave, supported by saints and angels bearing scrolls in their hands, and here is an anchor carved, the insignia of St. *Clement:* the east end of this isle is enclosed with a screen, and is the ancient chapel of St. *Mary*, the burial place of the *Beaupres*, &c.

Against the south-east wall of this is a large gray marble altar monument, with its wall-piece; on the summit is the shield of *Beaupre*, with his quarterings; 1, *argent* on a bend *azure*, a pallet between two cross crosslets, *or Beaupre;* 2, *azure*, a fess between six cross crosslets *or*, *St. Omer;* 3, Quarterly, *or*, and *gules*, a cross lozengy *sable*, and in the 2d quarter, an eagle displayed of the 1st, *Fotringey;* 4, *gules*, an eagle displayed, *sable*, in a bordure, *or*, *Strange* of *Suffolk;* 5, *ermine* on a chevron *sable*, three crescents, *or*, *Dorward*, 6, *argent*, a cross between four escallops, *sable*, *Coggeshall;* 7, *or*, a chief indented *sable*, *Harsick.*

Edmund de Beaupre, the sonne and heyre of Nicholas de Beaupre and Margaret his wyfe, whyche Margaret was one of the daughters and heyress of Thomas Fodryngaye, Esq; heyre to Syr John Dorward, Knyght, Syr William Coggeshall, Knyght, and Syr John Harsyck Knight.—Under this—*Hic jacet Edmundus de Beaupre, Armiger, filius et hæres Nich. de Beaupre, Armiger, et Margaretæ, uxoris ejus, unius filiarum et hæredum Tho. Fodryngaye, quondam de Brockley in comit. Suff. Armig. qui obt. quarto decimo die mensis Feb. A°. Dni. millesimo, quingent°. sexagesimo septimo, cujus animæ p'pit. &c.*—under this, another shield, *Beaupre* and *St. Omer*, quarterly, impaling *Fodryngaye*, quartering *Strange*, *Dorward*, *Coggeshall*, and *Harsyk.*

Nycholas de Beaupre, married Margaret, one of the daughters and heyres of Thomas Fodryngaye, Esq;—Hic jacent Nich. de Beaupre, Armiger et Margareta uxor ejus, una filiar. et hæred. Tho. Fodryngaye, quond. de Brockley. in comit. Suffolc. Armig. et consanguinea et heres Joh. Dorward militis, Joh. Harsyck, militis; et Will. Coggeshall, militis, qui obt. duodecimo, die Febr. An. Dni. millesimo, quingentesimo, duodecimo, quor. animab. p'pitiet. &c.

The east window of this chapel, contains several figures of saints painted on the glass, St. *Edmund* the King, St. *Edward* the Confessor, St. *Anthony*, St. *Laurence*, &c. and on the summit is the profane representation of the Deity (as in the time of popery) vested in robes of blue, seated in a chair of gold, with an orb in his hand; but this will less surprise us, when we are told by *Onuphrius* that "In the church of St. *Latryn*, at *Rome*, behynd the high altar, there stands a chair, which God sat in, and who that sitteth therein, hath the third part of alle hys synnes relesy'd."[5] The shield of the five wounds, *gules* an heart, *or*, between a dexter and sinister hand, and a dexter and sinister foot couped, saltire ways, *argent;* and *azure*, a cup, *or*, with the wafer or panis, *argent.*

And in the south window the figures of St. *Peter*, St. *Bartholomew*, St. *Agnes*, St. *Margaret*, St. *Catherine*, &c.; within the south wall is an old enarched monument, for the founder, without any date, arms or inscription; against the wall hangs an achievement, with the arms of

[5] Onuph. de 7 Sanct. Eccles. Urbis Romæ.---See Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 164.

Bell, sable, a fess *ermine,* beteween three bells *argent,* and the same is carved on the roof. The south window aforesaid seems to have been thus beautified by *Margaret,* wife of *Thomas de Beaupre,* who died in 1439, and therein is still to be seen a lady on her knees.—This isle has a porch, with a room over it.

About the middle of the north isle, in the wall, is an arch, and passage to a chapel, which is in length about 18 feet, and about 15 feet in breadth, with a good oaken roof and painted, supported by angels, with the insignia of the crucifixion in their hand, and wings expanded, covered with lead. Against the north wall of this chapel is an altar monument, but the brass plate that was thereon, is gone : in the east window are the broken remains of persons on their knees, and this date, M.CCCCXX. and on the south wall over the arch, is the salutation of the Virgin *Mary,* painted ; it is called *Lynn* chapel, and probably might belong to an ancient family of that name, of good account in *Cambridgeshire.*—On the roof may be observed some chevrons, *gules.*

At the east end of this north isle is a large chapel about 26 feet in length and 18 in breadth, coved with lead, the windows of this chapel are beautiful.[6]

On the summit of the east window, are the figures of our Saviour, St. *Michael,* with the triangular emblem of the *Trinity* on his breast, and slaying the devil, St. *George,* with the red cross on his breast, slaying the dragon, and that of St. *Audrey,* with a crosier staff in her hand, and the arms of the see of *Ely.*

In a north window near to this ; the figures of St. *Edward* the King and Confessor, with the gold ring in one hand, and a sceptre in the other, St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr, with an arrow in one hand, and a sceptre in the other, St. *Ethelbert,* King and Martyr, with an orb and a sceptre, all these well executed, as large almost as the life, in their robes and crowned. Over St. *Edward* the King are the arms of *Fincham, argent,* three bars *sable,* over all a bend *ermin*—impaling, quarterly in the 1st and 4th, *argent,* a fess *gules,* between three eagles displayed, *sable, Elmham,* as I take it ; and in the 2d and 3d, *argent,* three bars wavy, *azure, Wells.* Over St. *Edmund* the King, *gules,* a bend between six cross crosslets fitchée, *argent, Howard,* impailing, *azure,* a fess between two chevrons *argent, Tendring* of *Suffolk.* In a garter, over St. *Ethelbert, Fincham* impaling *Tendring.*—In the same window are these arms, *Fincham,* on the dexter side, *or,* on a cross *azure,* a torteaux between four bezants, in a bordure ingrailed of 2d ; on the sinister, - - - - - - - sable, three lozenges, *ermine,* in a bordure, *argent, Haultoft, azure,* a buck's head cabosed, *or, Derham.*—In the lowest north window, *gules,* a chevron *or,* between three leopards faces, *argent, Carvel,* impaling *Fincham,* and *Haltoft,* quarterly, *argent,* on a chevron *gules,* three birds or, - - - - - - - - -, impaling *Fincham, Haltoft* and *Derham, argent,* lion rampant, *sable, Stapelton,* impaling *Fincham* and *Haltoft,* quarterly.—*Fincham* impaling *Derham* and *Holtoft,* quarterly.—*Fincham* impaling *argent,* a fess in chief, three martlets, and in base, a chevron *azure, Tey* of *Essex.*—In this

[6] Gilbert Haultoft, or Hiltoft, one of the barons of the Exchequer is said to have built this chapel, but John Fincham Esq. who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Derham, Esq. by Alice, his wife, 1st daughter and coheir of Gilbert, seems to be the founder by the arms.

window are the figures of the wise men, with their offerings almost as large as in life, and the Virgin teaching the child *Jesus*.—On the area lie a marble gravestone, with a brass plate,

Hic jacet Margareta Haultoft, quondam ux. Gilberti Haultoft uni. baronu. sc'aij nup. Dni. Henrici VI. *reg. Ang. cuj. a'ie, p'pit Deus. &c.*

It appears from the arms in the windows, and on the roof and stone work, that it was built by *John Fincham*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Derham*, Esq. and *Alice* his wife, who was daughter and coheir of *Gilbert Haultoft*, and his wife *Margaret*, which *Gilbert*, is also here buried, and gave certain lands to find a chantry priest to say mass in this church, for the souls of the said *Gilbert* and his wife, and Sir *Robert Hakbeach*, &c.—On a marble gravestone,

In memory of John Fincham, Esq. who dyed March 24, 1709, *in the* 80 *year of his age; here also lye his wifes Mary and Susan, by whom he had* 2 *sons and* 7 *daughters, all here buried, Mary, Frances, Jno. Jane, Catherine, Christian, the last Elizabeth, wife of Matt. Hardy, gent. who departed, &c. August* 2, 1731, *aged* 61; with the arms of *Fincham*.

The chancel is in length about 42 feet, and about 20 in breadth, and is covered with lead. In the east window are the arms of *Beaupre*, and St. *Omer*, and in a small pannel transposed quarterly in 1st and 4th *sable*, a chevron between three spear heads *argent*; in the 2d and 3d, *argent* on a bend, *sable*, three roses, *argent*; as I take it, *Morgan* Bishop of *Ely*.

On a beam, *Orate p, ai'a. Robti. Bottler quond. hujus eccles. rectoris*; and on the roof, S. R. B. to shew it was repaired or erected at the said rector's charge. Within the rails of the communion table, on a grave-stone,

Here lyeth the body of William Stanton, bach. in divinitye, and parson of this church of Outwell, which deceased xxi, 1580.

In the south window of the chancel there was formerly this antique piece of painting, A matron in a white robe and blue mantle, on her knees, between four men; at her feet, a fox hanging on a tree, wounded in the neck with two arrows, behind and before two monkies with bows, shooting at the fox.

In this church, there appears from old wills, to have been these guilds, *Corpus Christi*, St. *Mary*, St. *Christopher*, St. *John*, and St. *Clement*.

And these lights, *Corpus Christi*, Holy Cross, Our Lady in the chapel, Lady of Pity, St. *John Baptist*, St. *Christopher*, St. *Erasmus*, St. *Nicholas*, St. *Thomas*, St. *Margaret*, St. *Elyn*, St. *Ann*, St. *Michael*, St. *James*, St. *Catherine*, and Holy Trinity.

The feast of the dedication of this church was kept on the 21st of *November*, and changed by *Walter Heart* Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1470, and enjoined to be kept on the 24th of *September*.

Burials.

Sinolphus, son of Sir *Robert Bell*, 25 *November*, 1628. *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Robert Bell*, 2 *August*, 1629. *Anthony*, son of Sir *Robert Bell*, 20 *May*, 1631. *Beaupre*, son of Sir *Robert Bell*, and *Mary* his wife, 27 *August*, 1638. Sir *Robert Bell*, 31 *October*, 1639. *Dorothy*, daughter of *Fr. Bell*, Esq. 14 *April*, 1682. *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Robert*, 16 *April*, 1645. *Mary*, daughter of *Fr. Bell*, and *Dorothy*, 20 *May*, 1685. Lady *Mary Bell*, 10 *September*, 1656. *Catherine*, daughter of *Fr. Bell*, and *Dorothy*, 14 *September*, 1685. *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Fr. Bell*, Esq. 5 *August*, 1673. *John*, son of *Beaupre Bell*, Esq. 9 *February*, 1704. *Dorothy*, daughter of *Fr. Bell*, 4 *September*, 1676. *Mary*, daughter of *B. Bell*, Esq. 20 *August*, 1710. *Phill. Bell*, Esq. 3 *March*, 1677. *Dorothy*, daughter of *B. Bell*, Esq. 28 *November*, 1715. *Francis Bell*, Esq. 4 *November*, 1680. *Margaret*, wife to *B. Bell*, Esq. 20 *October*, 1720.

George Boteler, parson of *Melton*, by will, in 1541, gave his house in *Oughtwell*, called *Stonhams*, after the decease of *Agnes* his sister, to this town, on condition that the parish clerk shall dwell in it for ever, at the assignment of the church-wardens, and the clerk to give xiii*d.* to the poor people on *Midlent Sunday*.

RECTORS OF OUTWELL, ST. CLEMENT.

In the DEANERY *of* FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

1216, (17 of *John's* reign) *Robert de Gloucester*, presented by the King, in the vacancy of the see of *Ely*, he was archdeacon of *Stafford*.

John Walerand, rector, *an.* 41 *Henry* III.

1252, *John de Chishull*, presented by the King, the see void; he was afterwards Bishop of *London*.

1328, *Peter de Mortiniaco*,[7] collated by the Bishop of *Ely*; before this, in the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* I. the book called *Norwich Domesday* (which was wrote then, and is in the custody of the dean and chapter thereof) acquaints us that the Bishop of *Ely* was then patron, and that the rector had at that time, neither house nor land.

1334, *William Tothe*, on the resignation of *Mortiniaco*, collated *ut supra*.

1335, *William de Heppeworth*, on the resignation of *Tothe*, collated, &c.

1337, *Henry de Melburn*, occurs in 1337, presented by the King on *February* 1, in that year; the see of *Ely* void.

1337, *Oliver de Schelton*, on the resignation of *Melburn*, collated *ut supra*; he was rector of *Staundon* in the diocese of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, and exchanged with *Melburn*.

1349, *Thomas Northern*, presented by *John de Oo*, vicar-general to the Bishop of *Ely*, then in foreign parts.

1354, *Edward Southward*, on the resignation of *Northern*, (he was

[7] Lib. Institut. Norwic.

vicar of *Hinton* in *Cambridgeshire*, and exchanged with *Northern*,) collated by the Bishop.

1366, *Simon Knyght*, on the resignation of *Southward*; he was rector of *Chelde* in the diocese of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, and presented by King *Edward* III. the see being vacant.

1383, *Thomas de Leverington*, on the resignation of *Knyght*, (he was rector of *Farnynho*, and exchanged with *Knight*,) collated by the Bishop.

1400, *Robert Newman*, on the resignation of *Leverington*, collated by the Bishop; he was perpetual curate or chantry priest of one of the three chantries in the church of St. *James, Garlick-Hythe, London*, and also at the guild-hall, *London*, and exchanged with *Leveryngton*.

Robert Massingham occurs in 1402, and 1414, buried in his own church; his will was proved 25 *November*, 1427. *Regr. Surflete, p.* 13.

1433, *John Mydewell*, S. T. B. collated by the Bishop, &c.

1434, *Ralph Rochford*, on the resignation of *Mydewell*, collated *ut supra*.

1427, *William Freverdowe*, L. L. B. collated *ut supra*.

William Cley, occurs in 1460.

1472, *William Ryddyk*, collated *ut supra*.

1495, *John Holme*, on the death of *Ryddyk*, collated, &c.

1503, *Robert Butler*, on the resignation of *Holme*.

1529, *Robert Cliff*, L. L. D. on the death of *Butler*; collated by the Bishop of *Ely*: he was also rector of *Northwold*.

William Harvie.

1552, *Christopher Barton*, on the death of *William Harvie*, by the Bishop.

1554, *James Hall*, by the Bishop, &c.

1556, *Adam Loftowse* or *Loftus*, chaplain to the Earl of *Sussex*, afterwards Archbishop of *Armagh*, 1562, in *Ireland*, and chancellor; he was of *Trinity* college, *Cambridge*, and D. D.

1562, *James Ingram*, M. D. by the Bishop, &c.

1574, *Daniel Bacon*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by, &c.

1578, *William Stanton*, on the promotion of *Bacon*; collated by the Bishop of *Ely*. About this time the rector is said to have a parsonage-house, &c. 3 acres of arable and 3 acres of pasture, adjoining to his house; it is thought parson *Butler* purchased the pasture and left it to the church.

1580, *John Snowden*.

1583, *Thomas Weller*, on the death of *Snowden*, presented by the Queen.

1595, *Richard Crowche*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, presented by the Queen.

1597, *Andrew Bradenham*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by the Queen; buried in his own church 22 *January*, 1618. In his answer to King *James's* queries, he says there were in 1603, 320 communicants in his parish.

1618, *Sam. Calverley*, A. M. by the King.

1654, *John Leigh*, A. M. admitted by the commissioners at *Whitehall*, appointed for the approbation of public preachers.

1709, *Thomas Pyle*, A. M. on the death of *Leigh*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1718, *Simon Hamden*, on *Pyle's* resignation, by the Bishop, &c. rector also of *West Walton*.

1758, *Henry Southill*, by the Bishop.

1760, *Richard Oram*, by the Bishop.

The church is valued in the King's Books, at 16*l*. Tenths 1*l*. 12*s*. Synodals, 4*s*. Procurations 4*s*.; the old valor was 10 marks. *Peterpence*, 8*d*.

In this parish was the hermitage of St. *Christopher*. In the 22d of *Edward* III. a patent was granted for building a chapel to it.[8]

MULICOURT PRIORY,

CALLED ALSO THE CHAPEL OF ST. MARY DE BELLO LOCO.

In the parish of *Outwell*, and county of *Norfolk*, on the right hand of *Well-Creak*, on the bank as you go from *Downham* to *Outwell*, stood this little old priory, founded in the time of the *Saxons*, (as is said,) of the order of St. *Benedict*.[9] In the reign of *Henry* III. *Adam*, son and heir of Sir *John de Brancastre*, granted *Robert de Hale*, rector of *Aylington*, the patronage of this priory, of St. *Mary* of *Molicourt*, with one acre of land in *Brancastre*, for 10 marks sterling paid him in his urgent necessity. Witnesses, *Martin de Suthmere*, *Gilbert de Titchwell*, *Philip de Bintre*, *John de Walpole*, *Walter de Denvere*, *John de Curpel*, knights, &c. *Sans date*. And *Henry de Hale*, clerk, by his deed, dated at *Utwelle*, on *Thursday* after the feast of St. *Peter ad Vincula*, in the 7th of *Edward* II. granted it to *John*, son of *Gilbert de Beaupre* of *Utwelle*. After it became so poor, through the great inundations of water, fresh and salt, the sterility of the lands on that account, the great expenses and charges in repairing the lands and houses, that there was not (as was represented) maintenance left, sufficient to support one monk; so that it was by license of King *Henry* VI. united and appropriated to the priory of *Ely*. "*Henry* by the grace of God, King of *England*, &c. know, &c. that we have granted and given license to our beloved the prior and convent of *Mullicourt*, that they may give and grant to the prior and convent of *Ely*, one messuage and 24 acres of land in *Wygnal*, called *Towtes*, and 8 messuages in *Outwell*, *Upwell*, and *Downham*, in *Cambridgeshire* and *Norfolk*, and 7 acres of land in *Emneth*, and all other lands and tenements, rents and services, which the aforesaid prior and convent of *Mullicourt* now have in the towns of *Outwell*, *Emnethe*, *Walsoken*, *Downham*, and *Lenne*, in *Norfolk*, and in the towns of *Outwell*, *Upwell*, *Wysbeach*, and *Leveryngton* in *Cambridgeshire*, to have and to hold to the aforesaid prior and convent of *Ely*, and their successours for ever. And likewise we have granted, &c. to the aforesaid prior and convent of *Ely*, that they with the assent and consent of those that have interest, may unite, annex, incorporate and appropriate the priory of *Mullicourt* with all its rights, &c. to the said church of the prior and convent of *Ely*, also license to the prior of *Ely* to receive or purchase 10 marks *per ann.* in mortmain, so that the lands given or purchased, be not held in *capite* of the Crown; dated at *Westminster*, 7 *August*, 24, *an.*

[8] 22 Ed. III. p. 2. M. 40.

[9] Lib. Institut. Norw. Nr. 8, et lib. 10.——Regr. Fordham.

regni. Witness, Myself at *Westminster*, the 7th of *August*, in the 24 year of our reign." Accordingly it was appropriated by *Walter Hart* Bishop of *Norwich*, 4 *December*, 1449, the church of *Ely* paying to the see of *Norwich* an yearly pension of 3*s.* 4*d.* Before this, on 23 *Feb.* 1385, the Bishop of *Ely* granted 40 days of pardon to all benefactors to this priory, on account of its poverty.

The temporalities of this priory, in 1428, were valued at 100 shillings.

Edward occurs prior in 1276.

Simon occurs prior 32 *Henry* III.

Robert, prior in the 25th of *Edward* I. as appears by a fine then levied.

Andrew occurs prior 34 *Edward* I.[1]

6 *October* 1316, *William de Merston*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, his election by the convent being set aside.[2]

About this time, in the 13th of *Edward* II. the prior paid 18*s.* 4*d.* for his tenths in *Outwell* and *Upwell*.

1 *May*, 1320, *John de Malteby* admitted prior.

2 *November*, 1333, *David de West Derham*, elected on the death of *Malteby*, confirmed and admitted by the Bishop.

10 *April*, 1369, *John de Derham*, elected on the death of *David*, admitted on the presentation of Sir *Thomas Beaupre*; no election was made for the want of monks.

9 *July*, 1390, *Thomas de Walton*, admitted, &c. by the Bishop, on the death of *John de Derham*, the election of the convent being set aside.

3 *June*, 1427, *Stephen Wyse* admitted on the death of *Walton*. It appears from the Institution Books, that he was the only monk in the convent on the death of *Walton*; so that the Bishop *(gratiosè)* out of pure favour admitted him.

The site of the priory and lands here, are in the dean and chapter of *Ely*, and now held by lease of that body; the last prior seems to be *Robert de Temisford*.

MIRMOUND PRIORY

Was in the parish of *Upwell*, but in the Isle and county of *Cambridge*, of the order of St. *Gilbert* of *Sempringham*, founded in the reign of King *Richard* I. with the leave of *Eustachius* Bishop of *Ely*, by Sir *Ralph Hauvyle*, or *de Altâ Villâ*, who gave to this poor house 300 acres of fine pasture, lying in *Upwell* and *Outwell*, on both sides of the water, to have the prayers of 3 priests in the said house, the feeding of sixty small beasts in the said pasture, and 5*s.* annual rent.[3] Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir, confirmed the same, and granted liberty of pasture for four mares with their foals; also 4 couple of swans, paying 5*s.* rent *per ann.* In the 11th of *Edward* II. *Thomas de Hauvill*, lord of *Rainham Parva*, *Norfolk*, gave the advowson of that church to this priory, and *ao.* 10, the manor of *Dunton* in *Norfolk*.

[1] Fin. 25 Ed. I. L. 5. N. 50.

[2] Lib. Instit. Norw.——Rot. Pip. 13 Ed. II.

[3] Ex. Mss. Regist. olim p'tin. Coll. S. Trin. de Pontefracto, nunc in Coll. Regin. Oxon. Dugd. Mon. vol. iii. fol. 107. Fin. 11 Ed. II. Norf. L. 4. N. 33. —See in Dunton, Gallow hundred.

In 1428, the temporalities of this house in *Upwell* and *Outwell*, were valued at 11*l.* 8*s.*—In the 21 of *Henry* VIII. *Peter Church* was prior.—I have by me a small parchment roll, by time much obscured, of the state of this house in 1520, which manifests its meanness and poverty.

Status Domus Beat. Marie de M'mond in festo Sti. Ambrosij Ep'i. Ao. Dni. M.CCCCC. *vicesimo quarto.*

	In Catallis cu. alijs p'tin.	
Debita Domus	*It. in Equ. in stabulo* - -	ij
It. imp. Will. Demmet uj.	*It. in Vacc. et Vitul.* -	viii
It. Redib.	*It. in Cymball.*[4] - -	ij
It. Dompu. Joh. Replyngham	*It. in magnis retibus et recticulis.*	xv
It. Vicar. de Dunton.	*It. in Nassis.*[5] - -	xvi
It. in tent. apd. Well.	*It. in Lupis et Lupill.*[6] - -	xxx
It. in tent. apd. Wallsokyn.	*It. in Anguillis.* - -	iij

Pensions of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* were paid to some religious of this dissolved house in the 1st year of Queen *Mary*, as appears from the auditor's account, *John Eyre*, Esq.

At the Suppression, it was valued, according to *Speed*, at 13*l.* 6*s.* 1½*d.* and 10*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* as *Dugdale*.

Roger Walker in 1555, is called late prior of this cell, and occurs prior 1539: he surrendered it with one canon or monk, and had a pension of 2*l.* 13*s. per ann.*

On the 8th of *April*, in the 9th of King *James* I. messuages in *Upwell* and 5 acres in *Plowfield, Upwell*, of the priory of *Mirmound* in the county of *Cambridge*, were granted to *John Eldred*, and *George Whitmore*, Esq.

John Eyre, Esq. in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. had a great close in in *Outwell*, called *Wadingstowe*, belonging lately to *Walsingham* abbey, granted him by the King, *Pt.* 18.

In the 10th of *Elizabeth*, this priory was granted to *Percival Bowes*, and *John Mosyer*.

In this parish of *Outwell*, on the King's highway, was the hermitage of St. *Christopher*, with a chapel thereto belonging, near to the church, as appears by a patent of King *Edward* III. in his 22d year.

WATLINGTON.

BRUSSYERD'S MANOR.

This town is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, or the Conqueror's grand survey, being part of the townships of *Shouldham*, *Wirmegay*, and *Westbrigg*, whose lordships extended here; it takes

[4] Little fishing boats.
[5] Hoop nets, or gluts.
[6] Pikes and pickerells.

its name from its site, lying by the water, and a wet soil, thus *Watton*, *Watford*, &c.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs was the capital lord of it, and of *Wirmegay*, &c. and from him it came to the Lords *Bardolph* Barons of *Wirmegay*, and was held of them by a family that assumed their name from it.

Sir *Robert de Watlington* lived in the reign of King *Stephen*, and Sir *Peter*, in that of *Henry* II.—*William* his son dying in the 17th of *Henry* III. left *Robert* his son and heir, whose wardship was granted to *Robert le Moyne*, who gave the king two palfreys, &c. as a fine for it, and in the 34th of that King, he was of age, held a whole knight's fee, but was not a knight.

Of this family was *Ralph*, son of *Basilia de Wathelington*, who by deed *sans date*, granted, with the consent of his heirs, and confirmed, to the infirm brethren of the hospital of St. *Mary Magdalen*, on the causey between *Lynn* and *Geywode*, lands here, to be held of him and his heirs, paying 8*d. per ann.* and for this, the said brethren gave to him in *Gersumia* (as a present) 3 marks of silver, and to his wife *Basilia* 2*s.* to his eldest son 1*s.* &c.—Witnesses *Dno. Robto.* (Sir *Robert*,) mayor of *Lenn*,[7] *Ralph Kelloc*, *Robert Fitz David*, *John de Geywode* *William Parlet*, *Ralph*, minister of the hospital, &c.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *William de Watlington* was lord, claimed the lete, had the assize of bread and beer, gallows, &c.—*Robert de Watlington* and *Agnes* his wife, settled it with lands in *Thorpland*, *Holm*, &c. in the 7th of *Edward* II. on their sons *George*, *Richard*, and *John*, &c. in tail, and in the 1st of *Edward* III. *Geffrey de Brussyard* and *Agnes* his wife, late wife of *Robert de Watlington* (as I take it) held it of the Lord *Bardolph*.

The said *Geffrey* and *Agnes* his wife presented to this church in the 15th of *Edward* II.

After this it was in the *Bartholomews*, and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John*, son of *Bartholomew*, occurs lord of *Tussard's*, or *Gussard's* manor in *Watlington*, (so called corruptly for *Brussyard*, from *Geffrey de Brussyard* aforesaid,) as appears from a roll of the honour of *Wirmegay*, with the appertenances in *Totenhill*, *Sechithe*, &c. the advowson of the church of *Watlington*, liberty of a fold course, free bull and boar, doing suit to the three week court, and other services. *John Bartholomew*, lord in the 33d of the said King sealed with a bend, between 2 goats heads, and in 1392, *Catherine*, relict of *John Bartollemew*, presented to the church of *Watlington*.

In the year 1407, 1412, 1413, and 1418, *John Glemsford*, Esq. of *Watlington*, presented, in right of his wife *Margaret*, daughter (as I take it) of *John Bartholomew*, to whom the manor called *Barthelmews* belongs (as the institution register has it) by right of inheritance. This *Margaret* had a sister and coheir (as I take it) *Catherine*, the wife of *Robert Drew*, who had part of *Bartholomew's* inheritance here, &c.

In the 11th of *Henry* VI. it was found that *Catherine*, late wife of *Robert Drew*, held 24 acres of land here, in tail, of the honour of *Wirmegay*, a messuage, 30 acres of land, 9 of meadow, and 10*s. per ann.* rent here and in *Rungton*, *Thorp*, and *Seche*, by the service of the 40th part of a fee, with 40 acres of pasture in *Sadlebow*, and

[7] Robert London was mayor of Lynn, 1271.

Seche, in soccage; and *Robert Drew,* son of *Richard,* was her cousin and heir.[8]

John de Glemsford, Esq. outlived his wife *Margaret,* and held this lordship by the courtesy of *England:* he died in the 15th of *Hen.* VI. leaving by *Margaret,* two daughters and coheirs, *Agnes,* and *Catherine;* (and a son *Charles,* by a former wife, who had no interest here;) *Catherine,* the eldest, was married to *Thomas Hawdekyn,* Esq. who presented in her right to this church, in 1425, and 1427, and after his death to *Will. Bolton,* and died *sans* issue. *Agnes,* her sister, married *John Curteis,* and dyed before her father *Glemsford,* leaving *Catherine* her daughter, and sole heir, aged at the death of her grandfather 6 years and on the death of her aunt, *Catherine,* was found her heir, and proving her age in the 22d of *Henry* VI. had livery of this manor, and in 1451, presented to this rectory.

Soon after this it was possessed by the *Shouldhams,* and *Thomas Shouldham,* Esq. of this town, by his will dated *August* 30, 1467, bequeaths his body to be buried in this church:[9] he gave this manor to his wife *Margaret* for life, after her decease, to his son *Hugh,* which descended to him by heirship, on the death of his father, *John Shouldham,* proved *April* 30, 1468, which *Hugh* presented to this church, as lord and patron, in 1487, and 1497.

Soon after it came to the *Gawsels, Thomas Gawsell,* by *Catherine,* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Humphry Kervile,* of *Wigenhale,* St. *German's,* was father of *Rich.* who married *Ursula,* daughter of *Robert Walbut,* of *Oxburgh,* this *Richard Gawsell,* Esq. held a court here on *Friday* the feast of St. *Hiltary,* in the 11th of *Henry* VIII. and presented to the church in 1531. By an inquisition at *Lynn, post mortem,* it appears that he died on *May* 31, in the 30th year of *Henry* VIII. that he held this manor and advowson of the King as of the honour of *Wirmegay,* by half a knight's fee, but the service of castle guard, was unknown, and *John* was his son and heir, aged 6 years.

Thomas Gawsell, Esq. died lord, *January* 2, 1600, and left by *Susan,* daughter of *Gregory Pratt,* Esq. 2 sons, *Gregory,* and *Edmund; Gregory* died unmarried *March* 5, 1656, and this lordship came to *Susan,* daughter and heir of *Edmund,* which *Susan,* was married to Sir *John Davis,* of *Berecourt,* in *Berkshire,* by whom she had *Gregory Davis,* Esq. lord, who died in 1706, leaving 2 sons, by *Bridget,* daughter of *Hatton Berners,* Esq. *Gregory,* who died a minor, in 1710, and *John Davis,* Esq. the present lord, who married *Susan,* daughter and coheir of *Philip Bedingfeld,* Esq.; she died *s. p.*

Another part or lordship in this town, was held by *Thonas de Watlington,* and his parceners in the reign of *Henry* III. by the fourth part of a fee, of the honour of *Wirmegey,* which was in the hands of *William,* son of *Richard de Watlington,* in the 3d of *Edward* I.[1] in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John* son of *William de Watlington,* held the same with his parceners. In the 37th of the said King *John,*[2] son of

[8] Esch. 11th Hen. VI. N. 14, and 15 Hen. VI. N. 9.

[9] Regist. Betyns, Nor. fol. 137.

[1] Rot. hundr. 3 Ed. I.

[2] The seal of this John, to his deed, is the side face or head of an old man, with a prolix beard, a thick cap, covering great part of his head and neck, his forehead bare, in his mouth he holds a sprig or small branch, with leaves, bending up to his forehead, the seal is round, of brown wax, about the bigness of a shilling, and the impress is rude and obscure.

William, son of *Thomas de Watlington*, (probably of the same family,) by his deed dated at *South Lenne*, on *Sunday* before the feast of St. *Philip* and St. *James*, conveyed all his right, &c. in a messuage, 140 acres of land and meadow, and the appertenances, lying in the marsh of *South Lenne*, and *West Wynch*, on the east of *Sechythee*, which he had of *Alice*, daughter of *Matthew Herlewyne*, of *South Lenne*, to *William Duraunt*, of *Sechythee*, and *John* his son: witnesses, *Thomas Attelathe*, of *Wygenhale*, *Edmund Kervile*, and *Thomas de Reynham* of the same, &c.

From the family of the *Watlingtons* it came to *William Steward*, by the marriage of *Joan*, daughter of *William*, and sister of *John de Watlington*, who on *Sunday* before the feast of the circumcision, in the 16th of *Richard* (II. being then a widow) conveyed the same to *Laurence Trussbutt*, Esq. and *Nicholas* his son, but in the 5th of *Henry* VI. *Robert Kervile*, was found to hold it, by the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Wirmegey*.

In the year 1434, *November* 19, the said *Robert* made his will and testament, which was proved in the following year, by the name of *Robert Kervile*, of *Watlyngton*;[3] he bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul* of this town, on the south side; gives to *Richard* his son, this manor, formerly *John*, son of *William*, son of *Thomas de Watlington*; legacies to *Geffrey*, *Katharine*, and *Hawis* his children, and *Agnes* his sister, and appoints *Elizabeth* his wife, and *Richard* his son executors. *Richard* died *s. p.* and *Geffrey* his brother, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter to *Thomas Holditch*, Esq. had *Thomas* his son.

The *Kerviles* or *Carvills* of this town, were (as I take it) a younger branch of a very ancient family, that had large possessions at *Wigenhale* St. *Mary's* (their seat) and other parts in this neighbourhood. In the 11th year of King *Edward* III. it appears they held lands here, when *Robert*, son of *Walter de Kervile* and *Agnes* his wife, conveyed lands here to *John*, son of *William* of *Clenchwarton*.[4]

Thomas Kervile, of *Watlington*, lord of this fee, made his will *January* 31, 1532; his body to be buried in this church, his manor here to *Robert* his grandson, son of *Thomas* deceased, with lands in *Rungton*, *Holm*, *Seche*, *Wigenhale*, and *South Lynn*, and one foldage and an half in this town, appoints his son *Humphrey* his executor;[5] (*Catharine* his wife survived him,) proved *October* 4, 1535.

Thomas his son, who died before him, made his will *November* 9, 1522: he held lands in the towns before mentioned and in *Totinghill* and *Wallington*, appoints his wife *Joan* and son *Robert*, executors;[6] it appears that he had 2 brothers, *Humphrey*, and *Simeon* a priest; sisters, *Ursula Newton*, and *Ela Valenger*.

From the *Kerviles*, it came to the *Gawsells*, and so was united to the manor of *Bartholomews*, &c.

Thomas Gawsell of *Watlington*, Esq. by *Ellen* his wife, had *John* his son and heir, living *A°.* 1504, father of *Thomas*, by *Margaret* his wife; he married *Catherine*, daughter and coheir of *Humphrey Kervile*, of *Wigenhale*, St. *German's*.[7] *Richard* his son, by *Ursula* his wife, was father of *John Gawsell*, Esq. and the said *Ursula*, was daughter

[3] Regist. Surflete, pt. 2. fol. 178. 6,
[4] Fin. 11 Edw. III. N. 18. 6.
[5] Regist. Haydon, Norw.
[6] Regist. Alablastre, Norw.
[7] Reg. Underwood, Norw. p. 44. and Reg. Punting, p. 42.

of *Walbut*, as abovesaid.—*John* had *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. his son and heir, who by *Susan*, daughter of *Gregory Pratt*, Esq. had 2 sons; 1st, *Gregory*, who died *s. p.* - - - -, and *Edmund* who by - - - - - -, daughter of - - - - - *Gray*, had *Susan* his daughter and heir, married to Sir *John Davis*, whose grandson, *John Davis*, Esq. is the present lord.

The abbot of *West-Derham* had a lordship here, which on its dissolution was granted *August* 29, *A°.* 37, *Henry* VIII. to *Richard Gawsell*, Esq. and so was united to the rest.

The prior of *Shouldham* had a small fee in this town; the temporalities of that house were valued here at 4*s. per ann.* in the year 1428.

This was given to it, on its foundation, by *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, who held it of the honour of *Clare*, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the Earl of *March*, (a descendant of the Earls of *Clare*,) held here, in *Shouldham*, *Stradset*, *Foston*, *Wallington*, *Thorp*, *Stoke*, *Wretton* and *Wereham*, one fee and a quarter *in capite*, but this at the Dissolution came to the *Gawsells*, and so to the *Davis's*.

The prior of *Westacre* had also lands in this town, valued in 1428, at 7*s. per ann. Robert Smith* held this (which was 54 acres) of the prior, and died seized thereof in the 9th of *Henry* VII.

West Derham temporalities were valued at 3*l.* 4*s.* 1*d. ob.*

The abbot of *Bury* had lands here valued in 1428, at 6*s. per ann.*

The abbot of *Ramsey* had lands then valued at 5*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

And the prior of *Petriston* lands then valued at 12*d. per ann.*—All which it is likely came, on the Dissolution of those houses, to the *Gawsels*, &c.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Alexander le Moyne*, and his parceners, held here, and in *Wallington*, *Sechehith*, *Foston*, *Hardwick*, &c. a knight's fee of the Lord *Bardolph*; this was held in the reign of *Edward* III. by *Benedict Russell*, the prioress of *Blackburgh*, *Edmund de Monpinzoun*, &c. of this *Alexander le Moyne*, and *Benedict Russell*, see in *Foston*, *Shouldham*, *Thorp*, &c.

Robert de Watlington by deed *sans date;* confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre*, all his tenements, lands, meadows, pastures, &c.[8] which his ancestors and himself had given to them, *viz.* the land which *Ulfketel Stoke* held, the land which *Richard*, son of *Godr.* held, the land that *Alfric Ruffus* held, and a *gara* of land in the moor of *Watlington*, the new land which *Alane* his brother gave them, and a messuage in *Dierham*, two tofts in *Wretton*, and the men who held the same, their children, &c.; witnesses, *Reginald de Warren*, the Lady *Alice* his wife, *William de Warren*, master *Clement*, *Ralph*, the clerk, *Peter de Wineberga*, *Robert de Stradeset*, *Robert de Capravill*, *William de Waltona*, *Robert*, son of *Hugh de Nereburgh*, *John de Nereburgh*, *Alane de Watlington*, *Walter Tussard*, *Leverede de Marham*, *William de Binham*, *William de Wigenhall*, *Ebrard de Tomeston*, &c.[9]—*Reginald de Warren*, at the request of Sir *Robert de Wallington*, Knt. confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre*, all the grants which the aforesaid *Robert* or his ancestors had made to them; witnesses, *Alice* his wife, *William* his son, *Gilbert de Blevill*, *Ralph de Crakefeld*, *Robert de Hera*, &c.—*Ralph*, son of *Godefrey* of *Tilney*, by deed *sans date*, gave to the said monks, the service of *William de Fodestun*, and *William* his brother

[8] Regr. Castleacre penes honorab. Edw. Com. de Oxford, fol. 81. a.

[9] This was in the reign of Henry II.

of *Watlington*, which they owed him, for land, which was *Rein*, their father's, and for half the land which was *Walter* their uncle's, and their homages, &c. Witnesses, *Walter de Wirham*, *John*, clerk of *Watlington*, *Alan*, clerk of *Southacre*, *Godfrey de Tilney*, &c.

The tenths of this town, were 10*l.* 14*s.*—Deduct 1*l.*—remain 9*l.* 14*s.*

The lete was in the abbey of *Ramsey*, and at the Dissolution came to the *Hares* of *Stow Bardolf*, as appears from the ancient rolls of the hundred.—Lete fee was 2*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH of *Watlington* is dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, it has a nave with a north and south isle annexed, all covered with lead, and built of carr stone and boulder, in length about 57 feet, in breadth, including the isles, about 43 feet; at the west end of the nave is a four square tower of the same materials, with quoins of free stone, embattled with brick but coped with stone, and 4 stone pinnacles, one at each corner, on this is a cap of wood, covered with lead, a weather cock thereon, and four bells are in the said tower.

In the lowest window of the north isle, are the remains of the figures of St. *John* Baptist. St *John* the Evangelist, and that of our Saviour, but their heads are broke of.—In the next or second window as you ascend is the figure of St. *Paul*, and under him is the portraiture of a woman, in a yellow gown, on her knees, her hands erect, and under her, in old characters, these remains of an inscription: ----- *et Cecilie uxor. ej.*

In the highest window of this isle, in the upper pannels, are the remains of the figures of three women saints, but their heads, &c. are broken off; that in the middle seems to be the Virgin *Mary*, underneath her is the bust of a woman (the rest of her being broke out) holding a chain of gold, or string of beads in her right hand, in a blue gown, on her knees, and her hands erect, and in an old character, *Orate p. aiab; Galfridi de Brusseyard et Agnetis uxor. ej.* This window is edged with goats heads couped, *argent*, attired and barbed *or*.

The east window of the said isle has been finely illuminated, as all the rest have been, by particular benefactors, and here are now, parrots and bunches of grapes, painted; at the east end is an ascent, and this isle has been some chapel; on the pavement here lies a marble, the plate and label of brass, wherewith it was ornamented, together with the portraiture, is reaved, but by the incision of the stone it was no doubt in memory of some priest that here officiated.

At the west end of the nave is an old curious stone font, on the bason and pedestal are several nitches, wherein stood the Apostles, &c. as appears by the remains; to this there is an handsome wooden cover with a pelican on the summit vulned, and this date, 1674, and as you ascend the nave on the pavement, lies a large marble gravestone, which had a stately cross floral, with 4 shields and a rim of brass round it, about which was the inscription in *French*, the letters were of brass, the stone being cut and fitted so as to receive them, all which are now sacriligeously reaved; by the incision, where the stone is not quite worn through, this may be made out ——

---------- DE ROSE ----------
--------- DE CHIVALERIE. ----------
S'AME. PRIE. ------- DE V. DE S'AME. --- MERCI-

This seems to be as old as King *Edward* the First's time, and is probably in memory of Sir *Robert de Watlington*, who lived in that reign.

About the middle of the nave lies a marble thus inscribed,

Here lie the bodies of Elizabeth and Susan, all the daughters of Thomas and Mary Inglebright, Susan died Janu. 1st. 1702, *aged one year, Elizabeth died Sept.* 25, 1717, *aged* 19.——*Here lyeth the body of Thomas Inglebright of Watlington, grocer, who died Feb.* 2d. 1702, *aged* 35; *also the body of John his only son, who died May* 23, 1716.

To good for earth just God reassumes his own.
And calls her virtues to a heavenly throne.
In his short life, he unto us hath shown.
All the great virtues that mankind could own.

On the back part of the pulpit, *Given by Henry Punting, and augmentioned by Elizabeth his wife*, 1616.—On a large marble stone, at the east end of the nave

Here lyeth the body of William Knipe, Gent: and Elizabeth his wife; he died April 25, 1654, *aged* 25; *she November* 29, 1672, *aged* 44, *who had issue Peter and Mary.*

And against the wall, at the south-east corner of this nave hangs an achievement, *gules*, two bars, and in chief, three griffins heads erased, *argent, Knipe*, (*Plate I. fig.* 28.) and thus inscribed;

Nere this place lyeth interr'd the body of William Knipe, son and heir of Peter Knipe, of Westwinch, in the county of Norfolk, Gent: and Elizabeth his wife daughter of Thomas Cross, of this parish, who departed this life April 25, 1654.

The roof of this nave is supported by several octangular pillars, forming 8 arches, 4 on each side, and the like number of windows over them.—The upper part of the south isle has been some chapel, part of the screen which inclosed it is still remaining, as also the place for the holy water: over this part is a handsome gallery-pew belonging to the lord of the manor, and thereon are the arms of *Davis* and *Gawsell*, quarterly impaling *Bernars*, quarterly, in 1st and 4th, *vert*, a griffin segreant, *argent, Davis;* in 2d and 3d barry of six *or*, and *gules*, a canton, *ermine, Gawsell;* impaling quarterly *or* and *vert, Bernars*, (*Plate I. fig.* 29.) Against the north wall of this isle as you ascend to this pew, is a little mural monument, with the effigies of a man in armour, with his wife, on their knees upon cushions; the monument is adorned with 2 fluted colums and a cornish, and the shield of *Gawsell* as before, impaling *argent*, on a chevron, between three pelllets, two in chief, charged with as many martlets, and one in base, with a trefoil of the 1st, as many mascles *or, Pratt*, (*Plate I. fig.* 30.) and this epitaph,

Here lyeth the body of Thomas Gawsill, Esq; who married Susan the 2d daughter of Gregory Pratt, of Ryston, Esq; and had issue syx sons and seaven daughters, whereof there was two sons and syx daughters living at his death, and the said Thomas dy'd the second of January, A. D. 1600.

This monument was erected at the charge of *Thomas Wolriche*, of *Cowling*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. and the above named *Susan* his wife.—This shield is on the bottom, *gules*, a chevron *argent*, between three wild-ducks, volant, proper, *Wolriche*, impaling *Pratt*, (*Plate I. fig.* 31.)

The chancel is of the same materials with the church, and is separated from the nave by a screen; it is in length about 46 feet, and 19 in breadth, is lofty and covered with reed. On the area here, lie several gravestones; at the west end, one with the arms of *Davis* and *Gawsell*, quarterly impaling, *Berners*.

Here lyeth the body of Gregory Davis, Esq; who dyed the 22d *day of September* 1706, *in the* 35th *year of his age, leaving two sons, Gregory and John.*

On the right hand of this lies another with the same arms,

Bridget, the wife of Gregory Davis, Esq; eldest daughter of Hatton Berners, Esq; of St. Mary's Hall, dyed 16, *of June* 1701, *aged* 27 *years, leaving two sons, Gregory and John.*

On the left hand a third thus inscribed,

Jacent hoc sub marmore reliquiæ Gregorij Gawsell, Arm. filij natu maximi Thomas Gawsell, Armig. cui cum patrimonium reliquit haud contemnendum, ipse prudentj, industriâ auctius multo reddidit, dum vitam cœlibem [*ut qui nec conjugij curas expertus est, nec solatia*] *probè transegit, amplam fortunam, moriturus fratris filiæ, et sororum filijs dispertivit, hic lucem primus vidit, hic clausit oculos Martij 5to, An. Dom.* 1656, *Ætatis suæ* 70.

As you ascend, lies a marble gravestone with this shield, *gules*, a fess checquered, *argent* and *sable*, between six crosses pattée fitché of the second, *Boteler*, impaling *Gawsell*, (*Plate I. fig.* 32.) and on a brass plate,

Requiescunt hoc sub marmore reliquiæ Thomæ Boteler, Armigerj, antiquæ Botelorum familiæ in comitatu Hertfordiæ oriundj, auspicatas contraxit nuptias cum Annâ Gawsell, filia secunda Thomæ Gawsell, Armig. quibus nati fuissent 6 *filij et una filia, tandem plus octo et viginta annis cum illâ sanctè, piéq; transactis, sitomagj moriturus, sacris hisce penetralibus legavit corpus, suum Jesum ad morandum, an. salutis* 1637, *Ætatis suæ* 67.

Adjoining on the right hand, a gravestone with the arms of *Davis* and *Gawsell*, quarterly,

Here lyeth the body of Gregory Davis, Esq; eldest son of Gregory Davis, Esq; and Bridget his wife, who dyed the 9th *day of July* 1710, *in the* 12th *year of his age.*

And on the left, on a gravestone of marble,

Dormit hic in communis parentis gremio, Anna, Thomæ Boteler, Armigeri, dilecta conjux, cuj novendecim plus minus annos pudicé supervixit sex filiorum et unicæ filiæ fœcunda mater, quæ conjugis, matrisq; officio piè, functa defuncta est Watlingtoniæ, Martii 11°. *An. Dom.* 1656, *Ætatis suæ* 68.

A little higher lies a marble stone with this shield, party per chevron, *or* and *azure*, in chief, two flower-de-lis, *gules*, and in base, on five lozenges in fess of the 1st, as many escollops of the 3d, *Edgar*, impaling *Spelman* of *Narburgh*, (*Plate I. fig.* 33.)

Here lyeth interred Elizabeth the wife of Stephen Edgar, Gent: one of the daughters of John Spilman. Esq; of Narburgh-Hall, who dyed the 1st *day of March* 1679, *and left two children, John and Margaret, aged* 35 *years.*

At the east end lie these gravestones, *argent*, three roses, and a chief, *gules*, *Sparrow*, (*Plate I. fig.* 34.)

Here lyeth the body of Robert Sparrow, Esq; alderman, and twice mayor of the corporation of King's Lynn, one of the sons of Robert Sparrow, B. D. late rector of this church, and of Jane his wife, he departed this life the 13th *day of Dec.* 1716, *aged* 75.

On another, *argent*, a fess *gules*, *Burkin*, (*Plate I. fig.* 35)
Here lyeth the body of Samuel Burkin, Esq; who died July 20, 1726, *aged* 57.

Adjoining to this, *sable*, a chevron, *ermine*, between three spears heads, *argent*, embrued *gules*, *Lewis*, impaling *azure*, three griffins heads erased, in a bordure, *or*, *Cutler*, (*Plate I. fig.* 36.)

Magdalena lectissima, conjux Henricj Lewis, rec. de Rungton-Holme, hoc sub marmore quiescit, heroina, prosapia, ac pietate perinde clara. She was second daughter to Sir Gervase Cutler, (of Stainburg-Hall in Yorkshire, Kt. and Bt. colonel for King Charles I. *and slain at Pomfret castle, June* 25, 1645.) *by Magdalen* 5th *daughter to John earl of Bridgwater, by Francis* 2d *daughter of Ferdinando* 5th *earl of Derby, king in man, whose mother was daughter's daughter to Mary, second daughter to King Henry* VII. *of England, and once queen to Lewis* XII. *King of France, she dyed March* 8, 1682, *and left two daughters, Magdalen and Elizabeth, Ætatis suæ* 45.

If women all were like to thee,
We men for wives should happy be

Against the south wall, near the west end, is a small marble mural monument, with the effigies of a clergyman in his gown, as A. M kneeling on a cushion, in an arch, supported by two pillasters of the Ionick order, with their capitals gilt with gold, a desk before him and hands erect, on the summit these arms, per pale, *argent* and *azure*, a fess between three flowers-de-lis, counterchanged, *Freak*, (*Plate I. fig.* 37.) on the basis

Here lyeth John Freak, A. M. sometime fellow of Trinity college, Cambridge, rector of this parish 22 *years, the son of John Freak, D. B. and archdeacon of Norwich, and son of Edmund Freak, lord bishop of Norwich, who married Margaret daughter of Edmund Wastell, by whom he had issue one daughter only, which John dyed January* 20, 1628.

On the south side, in the lowest window, *argent*, three torteaux, *Besils*, *or*, *Fitz*-arms, (*Plate I. fig.* 38.)—*Azure* on a fess, between

two chevrons *argent*, a crescent for distinction, *gules*, *Tendring*, (*Plate* I. *fig.* 39.);—and in the upper window on the same side, three covered cups, *or*, *Butler*, (*Plate* I. *fig.* 40.). Here are three stone arches, where have been three stalls or seats in the wall and a fourth for the holy water, now all worked up and plaistered; on the north side, in the lowest window, have been the effigies of the Apostles, St. *Paul*, &c. with labels of the Creed, now much defaced; on the summit of this window, *vert*, on a bend *or*, maunches, *gules*, *Tony*, (*Plate* I. *fig.* 41.); and at the bottom of the window; *Orate p' Dno. Rogero Tony*, ————, which shows the antiquity of this window, he being rector of this church in the 9th of *Edward* III. In the second window, *Orate p'aiab; Rici. Gladdelsene et Alicie*, ————. In the upper window, *sable*, a bend *ermin*, between two goats heads couped *argent*, barbed and attired, *or*, *Bartholomew*, (*Plate* I. *fig.* 42.); and *vert*, on a bend, *or*, three leaves of the first, (*Plate* I. *fig.* 43.) Near to the porch, which is against the south isle, lie two gravestones in the churchyard, with crosses patée cut on them, resembling those of the Knights Templars, and one with a cross flory.

The old valor was 25 marks, *Peter*-pence 8*d.*

This rectory is valued in the King's books at 14*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* and pays tenths, &c.

In the 41st. of *Henry* III. *Richard de Herlawe* sued *Robert* son of *William de Watlington*, for messuages, lands, and the advowson of this church,[1] in which family this advowson and manor (as we have observed) continued till the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* I.

RECTORS.

Roger de Tony was instituted the 26th of *September* 1321, presented by *Geffrey de Bruseyerd* and *Agnes* his wife, and occurs rector in the 9th of *Edward* III.

Peter, died rector 1392.[2]

1392, *William de Westacre*, by *Catherine*, relict of *John Bartolemew*; his will is dated on *Monday* after the feast of St. *Michael*, 1392, and proved 11th *October* in the said year:[3] he was archdeacon of *Norfolk*.

1407, *Stephen Noble*, presented by *John Glemsford* of *Watlington*, Esq.; he was also rector of *Northwold* in *Norfolk*, &c.

1412, *Thomas Banastre*, on the resignation of *Noble*, by *John de Glemsford*, Esq.

1413, *John Wadyn alias Asheton*, on the resignation of *Banastre*, by *John Glemsford*, Esq.; he was rector of *Teversham* in *Cambridgeshire*, and exchanged with *Banastre*. *Glemsford* is here said to be patron in right of his wife *Margaret*, to whom the manor called *Bartholomews* belongs by right of inheritance.

1418, *John Bluntysham*, on the resignation of *Asheton*, by *John Glemsford*, Esq.; he was rector of *Ellesworth* in *Cambridgeshire*, and exchanged with *Asheton*.

[1] Plita. de Jur. et Assiss. An°. 41 Hen. III. Rot. 7m°.

[2] Peter, wills to be buried in the church porch—Regr. Harsick. Regr. Harsicke, p. 168.

1425, *Edward Perys* or *Pery* of *Wygenhale*, presented by *Thomas Hawdekyn* of *Watlington*; by his will, dated on *Tuesday* after the feast of the conception of the Blessed Virgin, in 1427, he desires to be buried at the nunnery of *Crabhouse* in *Norfolk*.[4]

1427, *John Attehall* on the death of *Perys*, by *Thomas Hawdekyn*, Esq. &c.

1442, *William Trusbut*, S. T. P. by the King: by his will, dated 31st of *December* 1450, he desires to be buried in the church of *Crabhouse*; proved the 10th of *December* 1451:[5] he was rector of *Yaxham* in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Attehall*.

1451, *John Bulman*, on the death of *William Trusbut*, presented by *Catherine Curteys*.

1487, *Jeffrey Robynson*, on the resignation of *Bulman*, presented by *Hugh Shouldham*, Gent.

1497, *Simeon Fincham*, on the death of *Robynson*, by *Hugh*: his will is dated 19th of *June* 1512, and proved the 4th of *October* in the said year.[6]

1512, *Thomas Hynde*.

1531, *Thomas Franceys*, on the resignation of *Hynde*, presented by *Richard Gawsell*.

1547, *Robert Swyft*, by the assigns of *William Butts* and *Ursula* his wife.

1552, *Henry Ramshawe*, on the death of *Robert Swyft*, by *William Butts* of *Watlington* and *Ursula* his wife, by virtue of her jointure in this manor, (her first husband was *Richard Gawsell*.)

1556, *Edmund Dennye*, on the death of *Ramshawe*, by *William Butts* and *Ursula* his wife. *Dns. Edm. Dennye, presbyter conjugatus satis doctus, non residet, non hospitalis, in rectoria sua de Beestonne, non predicat nec licentiatus. Duo.*[7]

1563, *Martin Haryson*, on the death of *Dennye*, by *William Butts* and *Ursula* his wife.

1580, *Robert Marshall*, on the resignation of the last rector, presented by *Thomas Gawsell*.

1583, *Peter Tye*, presented (*hac vice*) by *John Rowse*, on a grant from *T. Gawsell*: he was also rector of *Barton* St. *Mary*.

1592, *William Raye*, on the resignation of *Tye*, by *John Rowse*, &c.; in his answer to King *James's* queries, he observes that there were 140 communicants here in 1603.

1606, *John Freake*, A. M. on the resignation of *Raye*, presented by *Felix Maplesden*, Gent. assignee to *Thomas Gawsell*, Gent.

1629, *Robert Sparrow*, by *G. Gawsell*, Esq.

1657, *John Lane*, A. M. admitted then by the commissioners, appointed for the approbation of publick preachers.

1670, *James Davy*, A. M. on the resignation of *Lane*, by *James Davy* of *Lynn*, (*hac vice* patron,) assignee of *Robert Gawsell*, Esq.

1710, *Thomas Pile*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by *Edmund Rolfe*, Gent.; he was rector of *Outwell*, and vicar of *South Lynn*, in *Norfolk*; preacher at St. *Margaret's Lynn*, and vicar of *Gedney* in *Lincolnshire*, and prebend of *Salisbury* and residentiary.

1726, *Horatio Fosset*, A. M. on the cession of *Pile*, by Mrs. *Susan Davis*.

[4] Regr. Surfleet, p. 15.
[5] Regr. Betyns, p. 66.
[6] Regr. Johnson, Norw.
[7] Parkeri. Certificat.

1765, *Henry Robinson*, by *John Davis*, Esq.
Jerem. Pratt, by *ditto*.

Thomas Demany, chaplain, by his will dated the 14th of *May* 1465, desires to be buried near the font in the church of *Watlington*.

William Leek, by his will dated the 3 of *February* 1468,[8] bequeaths legacies to St. *Peter's* gild here, the light of the crucifix, St. *Catherine's* light, &c.

John Heyrip of *Watlington*, chaplain, by his will dated on *Wednesday* after the feast of St. *Margaret* the Virgin,[9] 1417, wills to be buried in the chapel of St. *Thomas* here, bequeaths legacies to the sepulchre light, St. *Mary's* light before the basyn, to St. *Mary's* light before gesyne, to the lepars of *Sechy* and of *Hardwycdam*.

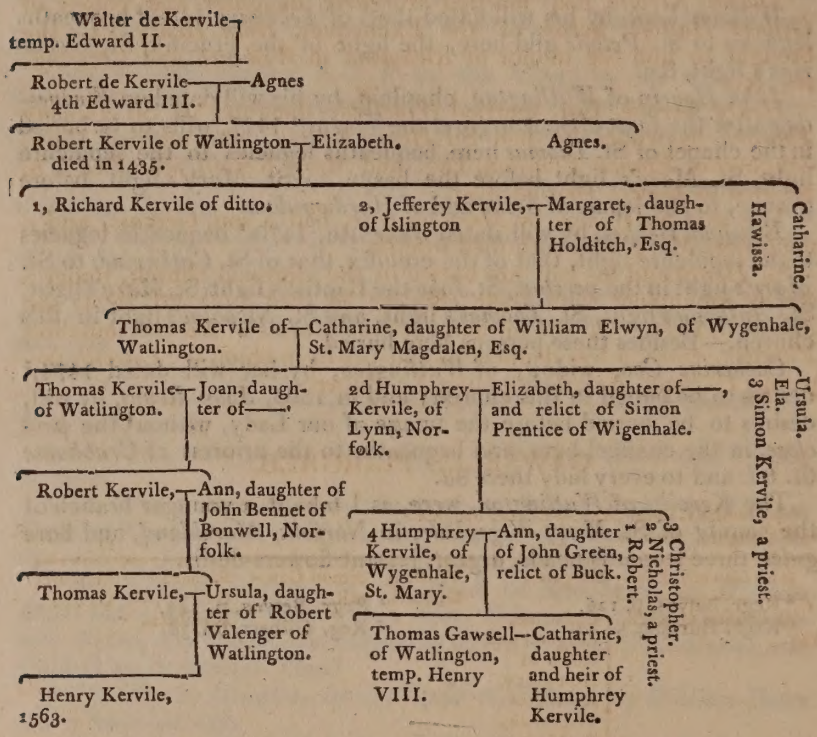
Edmund Bekkes, by will dated *June* 4th, 1470,[1] bequeaths legacies to the sepulchre light, that of the crucifix, that of St. *Catharine*, to St. *Mary's* light in the *perclose*, St. *John* the Baptist's light, St. *Mary's* light, St. *Anthony's* light, St. *Thomas's* light, and St. *Nicholas's* light in this church.—Besides these persons here buried.

Catherine Coo, widow, of *Watlington*, by her will dated 1474,[2] desires to be buried in this church; and in 1505, *John Reyns*, by will, desires to be buried before the image of our Lady, without the *perclose*, in the chancel here, and bequeaths to the prioress of *Crabhouse* 6*s*. 8*d*. and to every lady there 8*d*.

The *Kerviles* of *Watlington*, were, as I take it, a younger branch of the family of St. *Mary Wigenhale*, in *Norfolk*, *Marshland*, and bore *gules*, three leopards heads, *argent*, jessant flowers-de-lis.

[8] Regr. Betyns, p. 126.
[9] Regr. Hurning, p. 42.
[1] Regr. Betyns, p. 149.
[2] Reg. Gilbert, fol. 38.

KERVILE'S PEDIGREE.



Robert de Kervile, son of *Walter*, and *Agnes* his wife, conveyed lands in *Watlington*, in the 11th year of *Edward* III. to *John*, son or *William* of *Clenchwarton*. *Fin. Norff.* 11 *Ed.* III.

Robert de Kervile's will is dated *November* 19, 1433, and proved in 1435; wills to be buried in the church of *Watlington;* to *Richard*, his son, a manor there; legacies to *Jeffery*, *Catharine*, and *Hawis*, his children, and *Agnes* his sister; appoints *Elizabeth* his wife and his son *Richard*, executors.—*Regist. Surflete at Norw. p.* 2. *fol.* 178. 6.

John Kervile of *Wigenhale*, witness to a deed, in 3 of *Edward* III.

Sir *Robert Kervile*, son of *Edmund Kervile* of *Wigenhale*, is buried in the church of St. *Mary's*, *Wigenhale*, and was son of *Edmund*, as appears from the inscription on his gravestone.[3]

In this church of St. *Mary* are several coats, painted in the glass, of *Kervile; gules*, a chevron, *or*, between three leopards faces with their impalements; *Kervile* impaling, *argent*, three bars and a bend, *ermine*, *Fincham; Kervill* impaling, *sable*, three covered *cups*, *Le Butler*, (as I take it,) *Kervill*, impaling *sable*, two piles, *argent*.

[3] I have seen a deed of Edmund Kervyle of Wigenhale, dated in the 41 of Edward III. his seal to it—a chevron, checq; between three leopards heads. Edmund Kervile of Wigenhale, witness to a deed of John de Watlyngton in 37 of Edward III.—His seal is of red wax, and round; a little bigger than a shilling.—"Legend, Sigillum: Edmundi: Ker-"vile."

Kervill, impaling, *azure*, an eagle displayed, *or*, *Shouldham*; quartering *gules*, a chief *ermine*, *Narburgh*; *Kervill*, impaling *argent*, a fess between six ogresses, in a bordure engrailed, *sable*.

Thomas Kervile, Esq. married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Gilbert Haltoft*, baron of the Exchequer, *temp. Henry* VI.; she brought to him the manor of *Richmond* in *Wisbeach* and *Levington*, &c.

Henry Kervile, Esq. married *Winefrede*, daughter of Sir *Anthony Thorold*, by whom he had Sir *Henry Kervill*, who married *Mary*, daughter of *Francis Plowdon*, Esq. and *Mary Kervill*, who died *s. p.* married to *Robert Thorold*, Esq.

The said Sir *Henry*, by *Mary* his wife, had a son, *Gervase*, and a daughter, *Mary*, who both died infants.

Sir *Henry* and his lady are buried in the aforesaid church, under a stately monument with their effigies; he died *June* 26, 1624, she *March* 6, 1624. On the monument are the arms of *Kervile*, impaling *Plowden*, *azure*, a fess dauncette, and two lis in chief, *or*; *Carvill*, impaling *Fincham*, *Kervile* impaling *Le Butler*.

GAWSELL'S PEDIGREE.

(*a*) Thomas Gawsell, Esq. of Wallington, Norfolk. — Ellene, daughter

John Gawsell, Esq. — Margaret.

William Gawsell. Simon Gawsell. Richard Gawsell, — Elizabeth. Margaret Gawsell.

(*b*) Thomas Gawsell, Esq. — Catharine, daughter and coheir of Humphrey Kervile of Wigenhale, St. Mary.

(*c*) Richard Gawsell, Esq. of Watlington; died 1538. — Ursula, daughter of Robert Walbut of Oxburgh, afterwards married to William utts, Esq. Margary.

John Gawsell, Esq. — Mary, —— John Willoughby, Esq.

(*d*) Thomas Gawsell, Esq. died in 1600. — Susan, 2d daughter of Gregory Prat, of Riston, Esq.

(*e*) 1, Gregory, Gawsel, Esq. obt. s. p.

2, Edmund Gawsell. — —— daughter of —— Gray.

Susan. Dorothy.

2 Ann — Thomas Boteler, Esq. afterwards to Thomas Wolriche, Esq.

Susan, daughter and heir. — Sir John Davis of Berkshire.

Gregory Davis, Esq. obt. 1706. — Bridget, daughter of Hatton Berners of St. Mary Wigenhale.

Susan. —— Elizabeth.

1, Gregory Davis. Esq. died s. p.

2, John Davis, Esq. —— Susan, daughter and coheir of Philip Bedingfeld, Esq. of Testerton, Norfolk.

(*a*) This *Thomas* wills, in 1500, to be buried in the chapel of St. *John* in *Derham-Abbey* in *Norfolk;* dated *September* 14, and proved *November* 27, 1500. *Ellene* his wife, and *Richard* his son, executors. The will of *Ellene* his wife of *Watlington*, Gent. is dated on the feast of St. *Clement*, in 1504; she desires to be buried in the monastery of *Derham*, and gives to *John Martin*, abbot of *West-Derham*, an image of the salutation with a vernakill.—*Register Rix. Norw. p.* 43, *and Regr. Cage.* Quere, if this *Ellene* was not daughter and heir of *William Kekill*, lord of *Wallington* about the time of *Edward* IV. She gave to *John Gawsell* her eldest son, the manors of *Wallington* and *Thorpland*, and *Woodleves* in *Fordham;* her will proved *June* 3, 1507. *Thomas*, her husband, held lands in *Carboisthorp*, (that is *Shouldham-Thorp*,) *Wimbotsham, Stow, Foston, East Winch, Wigenhale*, &c. *Norfolk*, and gave to *Richard*, his son, lands in *Fordham, Helgey, Denver, Riston, Roxham, Upwell, Outwell, Tilney*, &c. *Norfolk*, and *Littleport* in *Cambridgeshire*. Her children mentioned as above,

(*b*) *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. (son of *John*) and *Catherine* his wife, sold *Wallington* and *Thorpland* to *William Coninsby*, Esq. (afterwards a judge) in the 16 of *Henry* VIII. In the pedigree of the *Derhams*, I find that *Dorothy* (daughter of *Thomas Derham*, Esq. and *Ela* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Audley*, which *Thomas* died in 1531) was married to *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. of *Watlington*, and must be his first wife. In an old writing of Sir *Andrew Fountain*, Knt. I find this,—"*Thomas Gawsell*, Gent. son and heir of *Margaret Pratt*, daughter "and heir of *William Wutton*, late of *Castleacre, Ao.* 28, *Henry* VIII."

(*c*) *Richard Gawsell*, Esq. of *Watlington*, made his will, *May* 26, 1538, proved *October* 2d following; appoints his wife *Ursula*, his executrix; *John Gawsell* his son, *Margery Gawsell* his sister, *John Willoughby*, Esq. his son and law.

Regist. Punting Norw. p. 42. *Regist. Underwood. Norw. p.* 44. *Ursula* his widow, occurs wife of *William Butts*, Esq. in 1547; and they presented to this church several times, the last was in 1563.

(*d*) *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. married *Susan*, 2d daughter of *Gregory Pratt* of *Riston*, Esq. and had 6 sons and 7 daughters, and at his death left 2 sons and 6 daughters, and died *January* 2, 1600. *Ann*, his 2d daughter, married, 1st *Thomas Boteler*, Esq. and *Susan* his wife married after to *Thomas Wolriche* of *Cowling* in *Suffolk*, Esq. *Susan*, his 3d daughter, wife 1st of *Mitchell*, then of Sir *Richard Braham* of *Windsor*, and died *s. p.* Fourth daughter, married *John Pell* of *Darsingham*, Esq. in *Norfolk*, and had *Gregory* and *Valentine*, her sons. *Dorothy*, 5th daughter, married *Samuel Saltonstall* of ——— in *Yorkshire*. *Elizabeth*, 6th daughter, married *Arthur Berners* of H———, in *Essex*, and of *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary's*, *Norfolk*.

(*e*) *Gregory Gawsell*, Esq. died single, *March* 5, 1656, aged 70, and was buried in *Watlington* church. *Susan*, daughter and heir of his brother *Edmund*, by ———, daughter of ——— *Gray*, second wife of Sir *John Davis* of *Berecourt* in *Berkshire*, had this manor, and left a son, *Gregory Davis*, and

Gregory Davis, Esq. her son, married *Bridget*, eldest daughter of *Hatton Berners*, Esq. of *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary's-Hall*, and dying in 1706, aged 34, left a son, *Gregory*, who died *July* 9, 1710, aged 12, years, and a son, *John Davis*, Esq. who married ———, daughter and coheir of *Philip Bedingfeld*, Esq. she died *s. p.* in 1749 at *Bath*.

WERMEGAY.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS, a powerful *Norman* baron, had the grant of this lordship, on the expulsion of *Turchetill*, who had large possessions before the conquest; *Hermerus* takes place in the survey before the abbots, &c. and had manors given him in the following towns;—*Marham, Fincham, Barton, Westbrigg, Wallington, Foston, Downham, Stow, Wimbotsham, Riston, Derham, Fordham, Thorpland, Bexwell, Stradset,* and *Well,* in the hundred of *Clackclose;—East-Winch, Tilney, Islington, North-Rungton, West-Winch, Wigenhale, Walton, Geyton, Thorp,* and *Lynn,* (including what he had also seised on, and invaded,) in the hundred of *Frebridge;—Ellingham* in *Shropham* hundred; *Litcham, Longham* and *Rougham* in *Launditch* hundred;—*Whinburgh, Garveston, Shipdam, Yaxham, North* and *East Tudenham, Reymerston, Mateshale, Letton, Torvestuna, Bicherston* in *Milford* hundred;—*Wreningham* in *Humbleyard* hundred, including, as I have observed, what he had seized on, as the survey sets forth.

In *Turchetil's* time this lordship consisted of one carucate of land, 8 villains and 2 servi, with 8 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, the 4th part of a mill and 3 fisheries, 3 cows, &c. 4 skeps of bees and a church; the whole valued at 60*s. per ann.* was 5 furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 2*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

Hermerus had also seized on 4 acres held by 2 freemen, and his predecessor had all customary dues from them.[4]

Hermerus's descendants, according to the *Norman* custom, took the name of *De Wirmegay,* from this lordship, which was the head manor of a barony. The first that I meet with (and probably son of *Hermerus*) was *Richard de Wirmegay,* father of *William de Wirmegay,* who in the 7 or 8th year of *Henry* II. accounted for 20*l.* 10*s.* belonging to his barony, and in the 12th of that King, was found to hold 14 knights fees and a half in *capite,* also 2 knights fees of the old feoffment, of *Hugh Bigot.*[5] Soon after this *William* died, *Ao.* 14 *Henry* II. (as I take it) in which year *Reginald de Warren,* second son of *William* 2d, and brother of *William* 3d, Earls *Warren* and *Surry,* accounted for 9*l.* 10*s.* for this barony, (and had a good part of his scutage pardoned,) on the marriage of *Maud,* the King's daughter, to *Henry* Duke of *Saxony.* This *Reginald* married *Alice,* daughter and heir of *William de Wirmegay,* in the 14 and 15 of that King; he was a justice itinerant in *Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey,* &c. and in the 20th, one that was ap-

[4] Terre Hermeri — Wermegai ten. Turchetel. p. man. i. car. terre. semp. viii. villi et ii serv. et viii ac. p'ti. et i. car. in d'nio. i car. hom'. quarta pars. molin. et iii piscar. sep. iii. vac. et xviii porc. modo. xvi. ovs. tc. iiii vasa apu. mo. ii. et i ecclia. semp. lx. sol. et h't. v. qr. in longo, et ii. in lato. et reddit. iid. de gelto Regis de xx sol.—Invas. Hermeri—In Wermegay ii libi. ho'es. tenentes, iiii ac. sed suus antec. habuit tot consuet.

[5] Rot. Pip.—Lib. Nig. Sc'cij. v. i. p. 288.

pointed to levy tallages in the King's demeans of *England;* and with the consent of *Alice* his wife, gave to the canons of *Southwark* the church of *Plumpton* in *Sussex.*

Reginald, by *Alice,* had *William de Warren,* who paid scutage for this barony in the 31 of *Henry* II. and in the 14 of *Richard* I. paid 14*l.* 5*s.* to the King's redemption. In the Register of *Bury* abbey is an agreement between this *William,* and *Sampson,* then abbot, who claimed 65*s.* rent, and 2000 eels, for the mills between *Wermegay* and *Westbrigg,* the gift of *William's* ancestors, who on a grant of lands, here, in *Totenhill,* &c. released the said rent in the court of Exchequer, before *Richard,* the King's treasurer, *Joceline,* archdeacon of *Chichester, Hubert Walter, Rt. de Inglesham, Thomas de Hasseburn,* &c. barons of the Exchequer, &c.

He married, first *Beatrix,* and secondly, *Millecent,* widow of *Richard* Lord *Montfitchet* and gave in the 5 of King *John,* 400 marks for license to marry her, and dying *Ao.* 11 of that King, left *Beatrix* his daughter and heir, by his first wife, and then relict of *Doun* or *Dodo Bardolf,* son and heir of *Thomas de Bardolf,* by *Rose* his wife, daughter and heir of *Ralph Hanseline,* lord of *Shelford* in *Nottinghamshire,* which *Thomas* was son of *William Bardolf,* sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk, Ao.* 16 *Henry* II. The said *Beatrix,* in the aforesaid year, gave 3000 marks to have her dower of *Bardolf's* lands, and seizin of her inheritance, and that she might not be distrained to marry again, and that the debts owing to the King from her father, should be paid out of the goods and chattels belonging to her father, and of *Milisent* his wife, which he died possessed of.[6] *William,* her father, was a benefactor to the canons of *Southwark,* in which he was buried, for the souls of *Reginald* and *Alice,* his father and mother, and the souls of *Beatrix* his wife, and *Reginald* his son, and *Isabel* his wife, and *Beatrix* his daughter. *Reginald* his son dying before him, *s. p.*

In the 13th of King *John, Beatrix,* widow of *Dodo* Lord *Bardolf,* was the wife of *Hubert de Burgh,* the King's lord-chamberlain, and after Earl of *Kent,* and in the 17th, *Hubert* held it in right of his wife, lately deceased.

In the 27th of *Henry* III. *William* Lord *Bardolf,* son and heir of *Dodo* and *Beatrix,* had livery of his honour, which the Earl of *Kent* held late for life, and the sheriff had authority to deliver it to him, and in the following year, the grant of a mercate every *Monday,* and a fair.

On the marriage of the King's daughter to the Emperor, he answered for 14 knights fees and an half, belonging to his barony; in the 38 of that King, had a grant of free warren, for all the manors belonging to it, and in the 55 it was found that 700 acres of fen, marsh, &c. in this town, *Tetinhill,* &c. belonging to this lord, were drowned by the raising of a causeway. This seems to be now what is called *Sechie Causeway,* and made about this time.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. he claimed the lete, assise, weyf, pillory, fairs, trebuchet, and held 15 knights fees and a half *in capite,* and in the following year died, leaving by *Nichola* his wife, *William* his son and heir, who married in his father's life, *Juliana,* daughter and heir of *Hugh de Gourney,* a baron of the realm; who bore paly of six, *or,* and

[6] Rot. Pip. Ao. ii. Joh.

azure; and in the 43d of *Henry* III. *William Bardolph,* junior, and *Juliana* his wife, paid 184*l.* and 2 hogsheads of wine, for debts due to that King, and the manor was extended at his father's death, at 45*l.* 11*s.* 10*d. per ann.*

This lord had several summons as a baron to serve that King *Ao.* 5, and 10, &c. and in the 15th to a parliament at *Gloucester,* by *Edmund* Earl of *Cornwall,* during the King's absence, and died in 1289; *Juliana* survived him, and on her death, in the 23d of the said King, *Hugh* was found to be her son and heir aged 40 years.

Hugh Lord *Bardolf* took to wife *Isabella,* daughter and heir of *Robert Aguillon* of *Addington* in *Surry,* a parliamentary baron: he was the 22d peer, who subscribed the letter to the Pope in the 29th of *Edward* I. signifying that the kingdom of *Scotland* was not of his fee, and that the Pope had no jurisdiction in temporal affairs; on his death, in the 32d of that King, it was found, that he paid 7*s.* monthly for castle guard to the castle of *Norwich,* and that *Thomas* was his son and heir, by *Isabel,* aged 22. *Isabel* survived him, and in the 6th year of *Edward* II. released by deed to Sir *Michael de Poynings,* Knt. and *Margery* his wife, all her right in the manor of *Bures,* in *Suffolk,* dated at *Bercamp,* in *Sussex,* on the feast of the annunciation; the seal is of red wax, the impress a cinquefoil, each leaf of it charged with a lis, the cinquefoils being her husband's arms, and *gules,* a lis *argent,* her paternal arms.

The Lord *Bardolf,* son and heir of *Hugh,* or, as some say, son of *William* Lord *Bardolf,* son of *Hugh,* was created Knight of the Bath, in the 34th of *Edward* I. with the Prince of *Wales;* in the 15th of *Edward* II. &c. had, with Sir *John de Thorp,* and Sir *John Haward,* the guard of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk,* and of the sea coasts; he married *Agnes,* daughter of the Lord *Grandison,* and dying in the 3d of *Edward* III. was buried in the priory of *Shelford* in *Nottinghamshire,* leaving *John* his son and heir, aged 17, who, in the 10th of that King, married *Elizabeth de Burgo,* or *Burgh,* 3d daughter and coheir of *Gilbert* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare,* by his wife *Joan de Acres,* sister of *Edward* I. called *de Burgh,* from her first husband, *John de Burgo,* Lord of *Connaught* in *Ireland.*

This *John* Lord *Bardolph,* and his lady *Elizabeth,* appointed *John de Lasceles,* jun. to deliver, in their name, to the lady *Avice,* late wife of Sir *Robert Constable* of *Halsham,* seisin of the fourth part of the manor of *Kirkby* under *Knolle* in *Yorkshire,* by deed dated at *Wirmegay A°.* 13th of *Edward* III.; to it are 2 seals, one of the Lord *Bardolf, azure,* three cinquefoils, *or;* the other, a large and round seal,—in the centre the arms of *Bardolf,* in the summit and the base, *or,* a plain cross, *gules,* in a bordure, *sable,* the arms of her first husband, *Burgh;* on the right side of these, are three shields of arms; 1st, *sable,* a lion rampant, *argent,* the arms of *Theobald de Verdon,* her 2d husband; the 2d, *or,* three chevronells, *gules;* the arms of her grandfather, Earl of *Clare;* the 3d, a castle, triple-towered, on the left side is 1st, the said castle, 2d, barry of six, *argent* and *gules,* nebuly, a bend over all, *azure,* the arms of her 3d husband, *Roger Damorey,* Baron of *Armoy* in *Ireland;* and the 3d *Verdon.*

This lady styled herself, in grants made in her widowhood, *Elizabeth de Burgh,* Lady of *Clare,* and dying in 1360, was buried in the nunnery of the Minorites, without *Aldgate.*

King *Edward* III. in his 19th year, sent his writ, witnessed by *Lionel* his son, then custos of *England*, to this Lord *John*, then a banneret, to attend him beyond sea, with all his retinue, and in his 21st year, *June* 14th, he had a summons to repair immediately to the King, at the siege of *Calais*, not to stay till his horses were shipped, but to be there before the *French* raised the siege, which they daily threatened.

Several genealogists make *Elizabeth*, the wife of this *John* Lord *Bardolf*, not to be the daughter of *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*, by *Joan* of *Acres*, who married *John de Burgo*, but to be the daughter and heir of *Roger D'Amory*, an *Irish* lord, 3d husband of *Elizabeth de Burgo*, daughter of the Earl of *Clare* aforesaid, and what seems to confirm this, is the grant of King *Edward* II. on *December*, 1st *A°*. 12 at *York*, (in the parliament there,) of divers manors, to this *Roger* and *Elizabeth*, his wife, and niece to that King, and the heirs of her body, and after his death they went to *Elizabeth*, daughter of the said *Roger*, who married *John* Lord *Bardolf*; as appears from the eschaets rolls in the 3d of *Henry* VI. and this *Elizabeth* died in the 51st of *Edward* III. 1377.

In 1353, this lord had a grant from Pope *Clement*, of a portable altar to perform mass at, which, as a curiosity, I have here annexed ;[7]

" *Clemens Eps. s. s'vor. Dej dil'co filio nob'lj viro Johi. Bardolf mi-*
" *liti, et dil'ce in Xto. filie nobili mulieri, Elizabethe ej; uxori Norwi-*
" *cen. dioc. sal'm. et aplica' bn. sincere devotionis affect. qu. ad nos et*
" *Romanam geris ecc. n. i'digne mer't. ut petic'o'ib; v'ris, &c. quas ex*
" *devoc'o'is fervore, p'dire conspicim; qua'ta' cu. D'o. possum; favorab'ter*
" *annuam. Hinc est q. nos v'ris devot. supplicat'o'ib; inclinatj, ut liceat*
" *vot. haber, altar. portabile c. reve'ncia et honore sup' quod in locis ad*
" *hoc convenientib; et honest. possit qui'l't. vestu. p. p'p'u. sacerdote'*
" *ydoneu' missa' et alia divina officia s'n juris alienj p'judic' in v'ra p'sen-*
" *cia facere celebrarj, devoc'o'j v're, tenore p'sent. indulgem; nulli vero*
" *o'i'o ho'i'u'. liceat hanc paginam n're concession. i'fringere v'l ej; ausu*
" *temerar. cohibere si quis aut hoc attemptar. psumpsit indignac'o'em*
" *o'ipotent. Dei et Beator. Petri et Pauli Ap'lor. ej; se nov'it incur-*
" *suru. Dat. Av'ion.* VII. *Id. Augusti Pont. n'ri. A°. undecimo.*" Every *Romish* priest has in *England* at present, such an altar to carry about with him.

In the 28th of the said King, he was one of those barons of parment who signed the letters of proxy to *Richard Wymondesold*, &c.[8] to agree on their parts to what should be accorded before the Pope, between the envoys of *England* and *France*, about settling their differences, and in the 33d, he was appointed by the King to meet at *Westminster* on *Sunday* next after the feast of St. *Martin*, to be of counsel to *Thomas* of *Woodstock* his son, (Earl of *Gloucester*,) whom the King, being then at *Sandwich* in *Kent*, ready to embark for *France*, had named custos of *England*. In the 45th of *Edward* III. on the 3d of *August*, this *John* Lord *Bardolph* died, when it appears that he held the manor of *Wyrmegay*, a water-mill there and a pool called *Le Ley*, with the appertenances, &c. together with the honour of *Wyrmegay in capite* by barony, paying to *Norwich* castle yearly 7s.

[7] Lib. Instit. Norw. 4. fol. 148.

[8] Rymer, vol. v. p. 797.

for castle guard, and wait fee of the said castle 40*d.* at St. *Michael*, and 40*d.* at *Easter*,[9] to which manor and honour were belonging, about 20 knights fees, *viz.* 2 knights fees held of the Earl-Marshal, 8 knights fees and a quarter of the Earl *Warren*, and 9 knights fees and an half of the Bishop of *Norwich;* those held of the King *in capite* were *Watlington, Brussard* manor; *Thorpland, Estow* manor; *Stradsete* manor; *Fordham, Prior's; Fyncham, Curpel; Derham Abbots; Fincham, Fareswell*, and *Grancourt; Barton, Lovell; Dereham, Tymworth; Russell Moyne* in *Foteston (Foston)*, and other towns; *Watlynton Moyne; Seche Moyne; Westwinch Moyne; Wreningham Moyne; Thurston Wace; Geyton Thorp, Yaxham, Ellingham Magna, Grimston, East Lexham-Rou's; East Tudenham-Cockfield; Tylney Chervyle; Tirington, Spalding; Tirington Sculham; Tirington Monk; Islyngton Chervyle, Clenchwarton Chervile; Wigenhale Chervile; Matshall Chervyle; Hermitory* of *Downham* and *Hillington* manors; also divers parcels of land in divers towns. The fees of the Earl Mareschall, were two knights fees, *Narburgh* and *Rugham*, those of the Earl *Warren*, the manors of *Croxton, Klypston, Hempton*, St. *Martyn, Hempton Barsham, Hempton Waterden, Lyrling, Gunvile, Rushworth Gunvile, Caston, Griston, Wicklewode, Reffley*, and parcels of lands in several towns in *Norfolk; Betourd* or *Botetourt* manor in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Euston Virley* in *Suffolk*. The fees held of the Bishop of *Norwich*, were the manors of *Ringsted Magna, Holkham Wake, Cockthorp, Sniterle, Glanford, Sniterle Astley, Calthorp, Hungriswanton, alias Swanton-Morley, South Birlingham Rightwise, Boyton South Birlingham, Hindringham Outlagh, Field Dawling, Hindringham-Nowers, Hindringham Cantley, Langele, Mendham Foliot, North Elmham, North Rungton, Bekeswell, East Winch Drewe, Middleton Howard, Thorp, Grymston, Feltwell, Thorp Russell, Thor Hyndrecle* in *Norfolk;* and *South Elmham* and *Ilketishall* in *Suffolk*.—Besides the possessions abovementioned he died seised of the manor of *Clopton* in *Suffolk*,[1] those of *Burgh, Hekinton, Cathorp*, &c. in *Lincolnshire; Stoke Bardolph*, &c. in *Nottinghamshire*, as parcel of his barony of *Shelford* to which, as it is said, there were 29 knights fees belonging, and *William* was found to be his son and heir, aged 14, and then in ward with Sir *Michael Poynings*, having purchased it of Queen *Philippa*.

This *William* Lord *Bardolf* married *Agnes*, daughter of the said Sir *Michael*, and on the 13th of *June*, in the 8th of *Richard* II. was summoned by writ to meet the King, with his horses and arms and whole service, on the 14th of *July* following, to march into *Scotland*, against the *Scots;* he died in the following year, and was buried amongst the *Carmelite* friars at *Lynn*, in the quire; his will bears date at *Cathorpe* in *Lincolnshire*, the 12th of *September*, 1384, and on his death, *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir, aged 17 years; *Agnes* his wife survived him, and was afterwards married to Sir *Thomas Mortimer*, Knt. and in the 21st of *Richard* II. he was found to hold this manor, &c. in her right. By her will, dated *June* 9, 1403, at the Earl of *Oxford's* house in St. *Austin's de Papey* at *London*, (then a widow,) she desires to be buried in the conventual church of the *Holy Trinity*, without *Aldgate, London*, which was proved *October* the 15th following.

[9] Rot. Hen. Wringay, pen. Camerar. Sccij. in Baga quo Warr. Com. Nor.

[1] Esch. 45 Ed. III. N. 7.

Thomas Lord *Bardolf*, son of *William* and *Agnes*, gave his vote with some other lords, for the safe custody of the late King *Richard* II. in the 1st of *Henry* IV.; his wife was *Avice* or *Anne*, daughter of *Ralph* Lord *Cromwell* of *Tatsall* in *Lincolnshire*; being in arms against King *Henry* IV. in his 9th year, and wounded in an engagement at *Bramham*-moor in *Yorkshire*, he was beheaded, and attainted in parliament; he left two daughters and coheirs, *Anne* and *Joan*; *Anne* married first Sir *William Clifford*, and after Sir *Reginald Cobham*. *Joan* was the wife of Sir *William Phelip*, son of Sir *John Phelip* of *Denyngton* in *Suffolk*, treasurer of the household, and chamberlain to King *Henry* V. whom he attended in the wars of *France*, and had the chief conduct of that King's melancholy funeral. Sir *William* was Knight of the Garter; by his will dated *December* 1, 1438, he requires to be buried in the chapel of St. *Margaret* in *Denyngham*, where he founded a chantry for 2 priests, but by a codicil, orders his body to be buried in the churchyard, and died in the 19th *Henry* VI.

On the attainder of the aforesaid *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*, *A°.* 9, of *Henry* IV. *May* 8, this lordship or barony was granted, with all its knights fees, to *Thomas Beaufort*, the King's brother, afterwards Duke of *Exeter*, who dying *s. p.* in the 5th of *Henry* VI. the said King, on the petition of Sir *William Phelip*, and *Joan*, afterwards gave it by patent to them, and he died Lord *Bardolf*.

Anne, the other daughter and coheir of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*, dying without issue *A°.* 32 of the said King, this honour descended to *John* Viscount *Beaumont*, who married *Elizabeth*, only daughter and heir of *William Phelips* Lord *Bardolph*, and *Joan* his wife, whose arms were, quarterly, *gules* and *argent*, in the first quarter, an eagle displayed, *or*.

This *John* Lord *Beaumont* was the first Viscount in *England*, and in great favour with the King, and for his continued services had many privileges allowed him in this town, &c. with the grant of a capital messuage in St. *Bennet's Paul's* wharf, (*Thames*-street, *London*,) called *New Inn*, in the 27th of *Henry* VI.; and in the following year created (*June* the 8th) lord great chamberlain; but at the battle at *Northampton* on *July* 9, *A°.* 38, was slain, leaving *William* his son and heir, who married first *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Richard Scroop*, brother to the Lord *Scroop* of *Bolton* in *Yorkshire*, and after her death, *Joan*, daughter of *Humphrey Stafford* Duke of *Buckingham*, and being engaged in the same royal cause as his father, was taken prisoner at the bloody battle of *Towton* in 1460, but making an escape on the 14th of *November* in the 1st of *Edward* IV. was attainted, and this manor was granted, in the 5th of this King, to *John Nevill* Marquis *Mountacute*, who being slain in the battle of *Barnet*, it was given to *Anthony Woodvill*, the Queen's brother, who possessed it, till he was beheaded at *Pomfret* castle.

William Lord *Beaumont* abovementioned, on the accession of *Henry* VII. to the crown, was restored in blood, and on *December* 11, 1495, *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford* had a grant, by letters patents, of the custody of the person of this Lord, honours, manors, &c. during his life.

This *William* Viscount *Beaumont*, Lord *Comyn*, *Bardolph*, *Phelip*, and *Erpingham*, (as he is styled,) died *December* 20, 1507, *sans issue*, and lies buried under a noble monument at the east end of the chancel

of *Wyvenho* in *Essex*, with his effigies in armour, where also his second lady, who remarried the Earl of *Oxford*, was interred on her death, *June* 16, 1537,[2] when this manor came to the Crown.

King *Henry* VIII. on *July* 3, in his 32d year, conveyed to *John Dethick*, Esq. many pastures, marshes, and lands, with foldage, in the tenure of *John Fincham*, and a fishery in the water of *Eye*, in the tenure of the prior of *Pentney;* by which it appears that the river here was called the *Eye*, and not the *Nar*. The said King, in his 36th year, *May* 5, grants to him, the park of *Wormegay*, lands called the *Hall-yard*, with the myll, part of the said manor, and in the following year license from him to alienate the site of the manor called the *Hall-yard*, the *Hall-croft*, and the *Hall-fen*, to *Bartholomew Plumstede* and his heirs.

On an inquisition taken a *Norwich*, *September* 10, *A°.* 8 of *Elizabeth*, *Edmund Dethick*, son of *John Dethick* and *Ann* his wife, was found to die *April* 6, 1565, seized of a capital messuage, park and lands held of the King *in capite*, by the 20th part of a knight's fee; a messuage called *le House at the Oak*, with lands and marshes held by the 40th part of a fee; and *Christopher* was his son and heir, by *Elizabeth* his wife.

In the 15th of *Elizabeth*, *B. Plumsted* alienated the site of the manor, &c. to *Richard Wilcocks* and *William Guybon*, but the manor was in the Crown, till King *Edward* VI. granted it, *November* 16, *A°. 5*, to *John* Duke of *Northumberland*, who had license to alienate it to *Thomas Myldmay*, Esq. whose son, Sir *Thomas*, was lord in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, and conveyed it, in the 23d of that Queen, to *Francis Gawdy*, afterwards chief justice of the Common Pleas, and so came to Sir *Robert Rich*, who conveyed it to Sir *John Peyton*, in which family it was in the 18th of King *James* I. After this it was purchased by Dr. *John Warner*, who died Bishop of *Rochester* in 1666, and was settled by his trustees to pay certain annuities to 20 poor widows of the clergy in his hospital at *Bromley*, &c. *John Lee Warner*, D. D. archdeacon of *Rochester*, son of *Thomas Lee* of *London*, Gent. by *Anne* his wife, sister to the Bishop, was his heir, and lord in 1630, and in that family it continues, *Henry Lee Warner* being the present lord.

Here is a good decoy belonging to this manor.

The tenths were 4*l.* 12*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—The lete is in the lord of the hundred, fee with *Totenhill* 2*s.*

John Fincham, &c. in the 16th of *Richard* II. aliened to the prior of *Ely* a messuage, 27 acres and one rood of land, 3 acres, &c. of meadow, and 6 of pasture, with liberty of a foldage here, in *Foston*, and *Garboisthorp*, and lands in *Fincham*, *Wyrham*, and *Shouldham*.[3]

THE PRIORY.

In this town was a priory founded by *William de Warren*, in the reign of *Richard* I. who died in the 11th of King *John*, dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, the *Holy Cross*, and St. *John* the Evangelist, for canons of the order of St. *Augustin*. No remains of it are visible at this

[2] Regr. Dingley in Cur. prerog. Cant. [3] Eschaet. N. 104, Pt. 2.

time; it was in a close, opposite to the castle of *Wirmegay*, on the left hand, as you enter into the town; the priory being on the north side, the castle on the south.

PRIORS.

Ralph occurs prior *Ao.* 18 *Henry* III.

Nicholas[4] occurs prior 14 of *Edward* I.

1300, *John de Boylound* canon of *Wyrmyngey*, was admitted prior; presented by *Hugh* Lord *Bardolph*,[5]

1302, *Nicholas de Elme*, elected by the convent, but admitted by the Bishop by lapse.

1315, *Robert de Craneworthe*, canon, &c. admitted.

1330, *John de Cauntely*, canon, admitted on the death of *Craneworthe.*

1349 *Simon de Leverington*, on the death of *Canteley.*

Michael de Thornham.

1370 *Robert de Fordham*, or the resignation of *Michael de Thornham.*

1383, *Hugo de Fincham* canon of *Wyrmegey*, on the death of *Fordham* appointed by the Bishop of *Norwich*, the election of the convent being set aside, as insufficient.

1416, *Hugo Watlyngton.*

1447, *Robert Walsyngham*, canon of St. *Mary, Westacre*, on the death of *Watlyngton*,

1461, *John Methelwold* on the resignation of *Walsyngham*; this convent then granting license to the Bishop of *Norwich* to present, and pleading great poverty; and in the year 1468, this priory was annexed, with all its members and appertenances to that of *Pentney*, an adjoining priory.

John Nevil Earl of *Northumberland*, and his Countess, giving their consent, to which Earl King *Edward* IV. (on the attainder of *William* Lord Viscount *Beaumont*, lord of this manor and patron of this priory, as heir to the Lords *Bardolph,)* had granted this manor, &c. the convent of *Pentney* engaging to pray (as that of *Wirmegay* had done) for ever, for the soul of this Earl, &c. patrons of this priory.—On the dissolution of *Pentney* priory, the lands, &c. of that house, came to the Crown, and amongst them, those which belonged formerly to this priory; and in the 29 of *Henry* VIII. the site of this priory, with the house, garden, &c. meadows, and pastures belonging to it were leased out *February* 14, in the said year, to *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland*, by the court of augmentations, &c. for 21 years, and were farmed under the said Earl by *John Dethick*, for 21*l. per ann.* King *Edward* VI. in his 4th year, 11 of *April*, gave the site of this priory of *Wirmegay*, and manor, together with the rectory, which was appropriated thereto, to *Thomas Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich*;[6] but *Edmund Scambler*, who was made Bishop of *Norwich*, in the 27 of *Elizabeth*, and doing, as Sir

[4] Richard son of Prudence of Fransham, impleaedd this Nicholcas, Ao. 14, Ed. I. for a messuage, 20 acres of land, 8 of meadow, and 5*s.* rent in Secthythe, and Westwinch.

[5] Lib. Instit. Norwic.

[6] Pat. 4.

Henry Spelman observes,[7] as much as well he might to impoverish his church, made a lease of most of the manors and lands thereof, and amongst them of the lands belonging to this priory of *Wirmegay*, and the nunnery of *Blackburgh* adjoining, to Queen *Elizabeth* for 80 years, at the lowest rent he might, which Bishop *Godwin*, in like cases, termeth sacrilege; after this it came to the see of *Norwich* again.

The temporalities of the prior of *Wirmegay*, in the said town, were, in 1428, taxed at 6*l.* 9*s.* his spiritualities for the church of *Wirmegay* at the said time, taxed at 6 marks and an half, *Peter*-pence, 8*d.*

The sum of the spiritualities of the said prior amounted then to 19*l* excepting the rectory of *East Tudenham* in *Norfolk*.

The sum of the temporalities of the said prior, to 37*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

At the Dissolution, this priory annexed to (and together with) *Pentney*, was valued, as *Speed*, at 205*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* the clear value 170*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*$\frac{1}{2}$ as *Dugdale*.

Roger Curpell gave to the prior and convent here, the manor of *Derham Curpel* in the reign of *Edward* III. which was confirmed to them by the Lords *Bardolph*, of whom it was held. *Gilbert Hethill*, in the said reign, gave to this prior, a messuage, 40 acres of land, 5 of pasture, and 5*s.* rent in *Fordham* and *Riston*.[8]

John de Houlton, 9 of *Edward* III. gave a manor in *West Derham*.

John de Cantele, the prior &c. held 5 acres of land in *Seche*, of the manor of *Hogh*, in the 12 of *Edward* III.[9]

In the 16 of *Richard* II. *John Davy* and others aliened to the prior of *Wirmegey*, of Holy Cross and the blessed *Mary* in *Wirmegey*,[1] 17 acres of land and 13 acres of meadow in *Totenhill*, *Westwynch*, *East-Tudenham* and *Sechithe Magna*, together with tenements in *Wyrham*, *Tofts*, *Wyrmegeye* and *Fordham*.

The prior and convent held lands at *Thorp* in *Suffolk*, and were taxed for them (*temp. Edward* III.) at 20*s.* 10*d.* also lands then at *Stow Langtoft*, *Suffolk*, taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* and for their temporalities at *Westwinch* in *Norfolk* in 1428, at 6*l.* 5*s.*

These churches following were in this house:

Wermegay, appropriated to it (as I conceive) on the foundation of the priory.

East-Tudenham in *Norfolk*, granted *Ao.* 15 King *John*, and appropriated to them in the year 1339;[2] here was a vicarage then, settled in the patronage of the said priory.

A mediety of the church of *Fordham* in *Norfolk*, to which they presented in 1306;[3] this was appropriated to them the last day of *February*, 1346.

Westbrigg and *Totenhill* in *Norfolk*, appropriated to this priory 18 *July*, 1416, given them by *Thomas Beaufort* Earl of *Dorset* on condition they supply it by one of their canons, or to find a sufficient chaplain.

A modern author calls this a cell to *Pentney*; and *Stephens* says that neither the Monasticon nor any other that he hath met with, gives

[7] Spelman's Hist. of Sacril. p. 246
[8] Rot. Hon. de Wirmegey.
[9] Collect. Le Neve, Norroy.
[1] Esch. N. 120.
[2] Rot. Fin. 15. Joh.
[3] Lib. Instit. Norw.

us the least account of this monastery, whose name he only met with in Sir *Henry Spelman's* History of Sacrilege.[4]

The CHURCH of *Wirmegey* is dedicated to St. *Michael,* as appears from the will of *John Martyn,* dated 16 *December,* 1488.[5] It is an ancient single building, of car-stone, flint, &c. covered with reed; at the west end of the nave is an ancient font; on the basons are 8 shields, now defaced; at the end of the south wall near to the screen, has been an altar; the bason for the holy water is still remaining. The tower, at the west end of the nave, is chiefly of car-stone, in which hangs one bell; the chancel is divided from the nave by a wooden screen, and is covered with *Holland* gutter-tiles.

This church stands near a mile east of the present village, (which is now a very mean one) in the fields by itself. It was (as has been observed) appropriated to the priory, and afterwards to that of *Pentney* on the union of the two priories; at the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and was given by King *Edward* VI. in his 4th year, to the Bishop of *Norwich* and his successours for ever, and is leased out at this time by the said Bishop.

In 1603, we find, from the account of *Robert Geyton,* then curate, that there were 107 communicants;[6] and the stipend was 6*l. per ann.* but Bishop *Reynolds,* upon the renewal of the lease of the impropriate rectory,[7] expressly reserved an augmentation for the curate of 20*l. per ann.*

In the 13th of Queen *Elizabeth,* 40*s. per ann.* was paid to the serving curate here, out of the lands belonging to the priory of *Pentney,* by the Queen's receiver general, from the augmentation office, and is said to be a perpetual grant.

Wermegay is environed with water and low grounds, fens and marshes; the chief and most safe entrance, is by a causey on the west side, where on the right hand, stood formerly a castle. Here the *Bardolfs* lived and resided at times, being the head, or site of the barony of *Wermegay. Wire* is the name of a river in *Lancashire;* hence *Werhale* in *Cheshire, Werlingham* in *Suffolk, Surrey,* and *Wermelai,* now called *Wormley,* in *Hertfordshire,* also *Wermenhala,* now *Wormhale,* in *Bucks.*

WIREHAM, OR WEREHAM,

IN the book of *Domesday,* called *Wigreham,* taking its name from a stream or run of water, issuing out of a pond in the midst of the town. In the reign of the Confessor, *Toli* was lord, who being deprived at

[4] Mag. Brit. vol. iii. Norff. p. 418. Steph. Addit. to Monast. Ang. v. i. p. 505.

[5] Regr. Sayve, Norw. p. 1. 6.

[6] Answers of the Parsons to the King.

[7] Kennet of Impropriat. p. 278.

the conquest, King *William* granted it to *Rainold*, son of *Ivo*, one of his *Norman* adventurers, with many other lordships in this county; when *Toli* was lord, there were 2 carucates of land, 15 villains, 8 bordarers, and 6 servi, with 20 acres of meadow, and paunage for 12 swine, two carucates in demean, with one and an half among the tenants, the moiety of a mill and a fishery, one runcus, 28 mares with 25 foals, 2 cows, &c. 90 sheep, at the survey, 260, valued at 100*s*. It was half a leuca long, and the same in breadth, (and paid six pence half penny to a 20*s*. gelt;) it had paid 8*l*. with all customary dues, and 4 freemen belonged to it with 12 acres.[8]

The great possessions of *Rainold*, came to the noble family of the Earls of *Clare*, who were the capital lords of the town.

CAVENHAM MANOR.

Jeffrey Fitz-Piers Earl of *Essex* held it in the reign of King *John*, of the Earl of *Clare*, and on his founding the priory of *Shouldham*, gave a moiety of this town to the said priory; in the 33d of *Henry* III. the prior had a charter for free warren; by an old parchment roll, *sans* date, it appears that he had a moiety of the town, with several free tenants, villains, &c. held by the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Clare*, one carucate of arable land, 10 acres of wood, free bull and boar, was patron of the church, which was appropriated to the priory, with 5 acres of glebe land; had the amercements of brewers and bakers in his homage, and owed once a year, suit of court at *Clare*. He had also 3 carucates of arable land, 10 of meadow, in pure alms, and freely of the gift of the aforesaid *Jeffrey*, with free tenants and villains, &c. and there belonged to him 2 windmills, the moiety of a water-mill, also a messuage, with 30 acres of arable land, formerly of the fee of *William Say*, who held in *capite*.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior was found to have the lete, a gallows, &c. After the Dissolution, it was granted, *March* 2, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *Edmund Bedingfeld* of *Oxburgh*, knight, and *Grace* his wife, by the name of the manor and grange of *Cavenham*, with the great tithes of *Wereham* and *Stoke*, to be held by the 40th part of a fee, and the payment of 3*l*. 17*s*. 11*d*. rent *per ann*. and in this family it remained till about the year 1718, when Sir *Henry Bedingfeld* conveyed it to *Edward Nightingale*, Esq. of *Kneesworth* in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Edward Nightingale*, Esq. his grandson, is the present lord.

Cavenham grange is about a mile north-east of the town of *Werham*, and in the said parish; in 1570, the rent of assize of the free tenants, was 4*l*. 4*s*. 10*d*. of the customary ones, 10*l*. 16*s*. 10*d*. *ob*. *q*.

The temporalities of the priory of *Shouldham*, in 1428, for this manor here, and extending into *Stoke* and *Wretton*, were 32*l*. 4*s*. 9*d*. *ob*.

[8] Tre. Rainaldi fil. Invonis. —— In Wigreham ii car. tre. ten. Toli. lib. ho. T. R. E. tc. xv villi. p. vii. et mo. sep. viii. bor. tc. vi ser. mo. iiii. et xx. ac. p'ti. silva xii por. semp. ii car. in d'nio. tc. i car. et dim. ho'um mo. i. semp. im. mol. et i. pisc. semp. i. r. et xxviii. eque et xxv. pulli et ii. an. tc. xv por. mo. vii. tc. lxxxx. ovs. mo. cclx. et val. c. sol. reddidit viii. lib. ad'omne' consuetud. Huic man. jacent iiii libi. ho'es de xii ac. Totum Wigreham ht. dim. leug. in long. et in lato, et reddit vid. et i obolu' de xx sol. de gelto Regis.

WEREHAM-HALL MANOR,

Was anciently in separate tenures. In the 20th of *Henry* III. *Robert Bardolf* and *Thomas Rede*, held the fourth part of a fee, of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare; Robert* married *Avice*, (or, as some say, *Lora*,) daughter and heir of *John de Lound*, son and heir of *Anselm de Lound*, lord of this manor, and by *Avice*, daughter and heir of *Bardolf*, it came by marriage to Sir *Ingelram Belet*, knight of the bath, who died in the reign of *Edward* I. and it descended to *Robert* his son.

In the 31 of that King, *John de Bures* and *Clementia* his wife, *Ralph de Alemania*, and *Ann* his wife, conveyed lands by fine in this town, *Crimplesham*, *Stoke*, *West Derham*, *Boketon*, &c. to *Robert Bardolf*.

William, son of *Theodore de Wyrham*, passed by fine, messuages and lands in the said towns, &c. in the 7th of *Edward* II. to *John* of the Hall at *Frenge*, and *Mary* his wife, and in the following year, *Robert Belet* was found to die seized of a fee and an half held of the honour of *Clare*, in the said towns, &c. This *William* was probably descended from *Walter*, and *Ralph de Wyrham*, who had a lordship in *Henry* the Third's time. In the 15 of *Edward* I. *Robert de Long* was lord.

In the 23 of *Edward* III. *John de Bensted*, and *Maud* his wife, conveyed a moiety of this manor to *John de Wesenham*, and in the 31st *Ralph de Hinton*, and *Beatrix* his wife, sold to *Richard Tooth* 2 messuages, 100 acres of land, 16 of meadow, with 7*s*. rent *per ann.* in this town and *Stoke*, from the heirs of *Beatrix*.

Sir *Richard Walkfare* held it in the 40th year of the said reign, for life, as part of the inheritance of *John de Denham*, son and heir of *Avice Walkfare*, daughter, probably, and heir of *Belet*, married, first to *Denham's* father, and in the 50th of that King, this part was conveyed on *Wednesday* after the feast of St. *Faith*, by the trustees of *John de Denham*, to *Richard Tooth* and *Mary* his wife, together with the manor of *Wyron* Hall in *Wretton*, &c. and before this, *John de Denham* and *Maud* his wife, granted in the 44 year, to *Robert de Fransham*, clerk, &c. in trust, a moiety of this lordship.

From *Tooth* it came to *Roger Davy*, and *Alice* his wife, and from them (as in *Boughton Overhall* manor) to Sir *Lewes Orrell*, who with *Elizabeth* his mother, convey this lordship with that of *Wyron* Hall, to Sir *Thomas Lovell*, Knt. of the Garter; and in or about 1615, Sir *Francis Lovell* of *East-Herling*, conveyed it to Sir *Thomas Derham:* from that family it came to *Stephen Edgar*, Gent. of *Watlington* in 1652; his son *Thomas*, sold it to *Benjamin Dethick*, Esq. in 1682, whose son, *John Dethick*, Esq. conveyed the manor and demean lands in 1751, (but not the hall) to *John Heaton*, Esq. of *London*.

The family of *Dethick* was originally of *Dethick-Hall* in the hundred of *Winkswortb* in *Derbyshire*.

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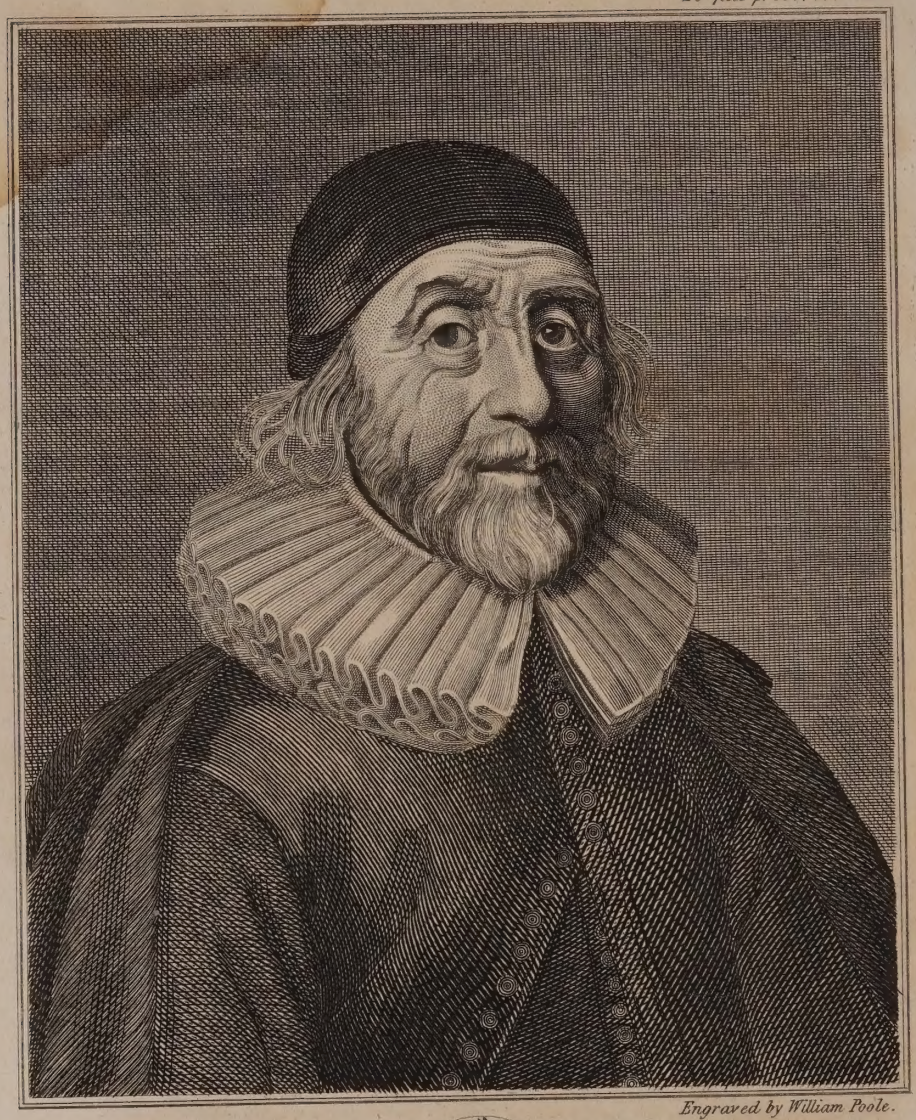

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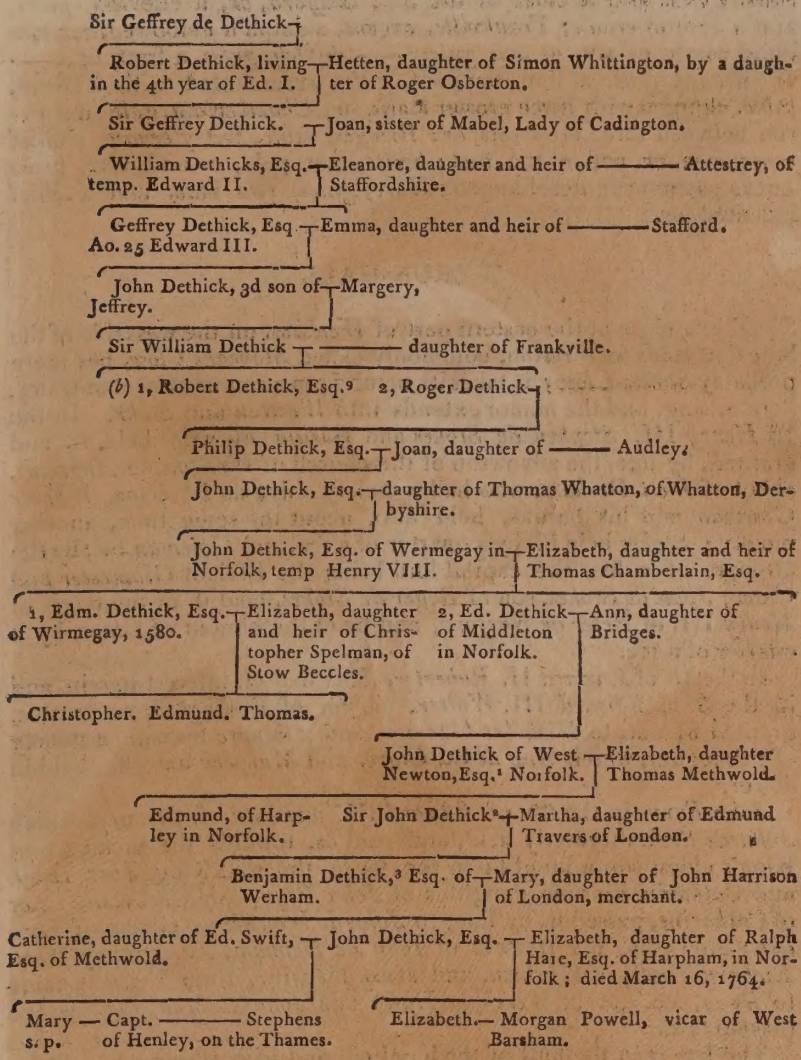
John Dethick,

of West Newton in the County of Norfolk Esq.r

Born 23.d of Oct.r 1567. Died 31.st of Oct.r 1657.

DETHICK'S PEDIGREE.



9 Robert was slain, with his son Thomas, on Palm Sunday, 1460, in Towton-Field battle in Yorkshire; his daughter and heir brought Dethick-Hall to the Babingtons.

1 John's first wife was Alice, daughter of Edmund Chattress of West Newton in Norfolk, Gent. by her he had no issue; Chattress bore, sable, a fess ingrailed, ermine, between three quarter foils, argent, pierced gules; Methwold, azure, six escallops, or.

3 Ben. Dethick, Esq. had a daughter, Martha, married to ——— Clarke of London, linen draper.—Harrison bore p. fess, sable and or, in chief, three eagles displayed of the first.

2 Sir John Dethick was lord mayor of London in 1656, and mercer; his first wife was Ann, daughter of Francis Smallpiece of Norwich, relict of Thomas Anguish, Gent. Martha was his 2d wife, and Anne, daughter of Thomas Jolliff, of Leek in Staffordshire, Esq. his

The arms of *Dethick* are, *argent*, a fess vairy, *or* and *gules*, between three water budgets, *sable*; *Whittington*, *gules*, a fess checque, *or* and *azure*; *Attestrey*, *argent*, on a bend, *azure*, three escutcheons, *gules*, and a chief of the 3d; *Stafford*, *or*, a chevron, *gules*, and a canton *ermin*; *Frankville*, *argent*, a dolphin embowed, *sable*, a chief bendy of six, *or* and *gules*;——*Audley*, *gules*, a frett, *or*;——*Whatton*, *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, surmounted with a bend, *sable*, charged with three crosier staffs, *or*; *Chamberlain*, *gules*, a chevron between three crescents, *or*; *Bridges*, *sable*, fretty *ermin*, a chief componee, *or*, and of the first; *Swift*, per pale, *or* and *vert*, three bucks passant counterchanged; *Hare*, *gules*, two bars, and a chief indented, *or*.

WYRUN-HALL

Stood in a close at the eastern part of *Werham*, on the west side of the lane that leads to *Wretton*, commonly called *Stoneaks Close*, but more probably *Stokes-Close*; it takes its name from a run or stream of water, here arising, and the manor extends into *Wretton* and *Stoke*. In the 16 *Henry* III. *Stephen de Stokes* and *Basilia* his wife held it, and granted, by fine, the advowson of the church of *Wretton*, to *Angerius*, abbot of *West Derham*, who had a moiety only, as it seems. *Warine Goseman* and his barons, held also, about the same time, another moiety: *Stokes* held his by a quarter of a fee, and *Goseman* his, by the 40 part of a fee, the capital lord being the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*; *John de Stokes*, son of *Roger de Stokes*, held it in the reign of *Henry* III. of *Peter de Narford*, and he of the honour of *Clare*, by a quarter of a fee.

In the 15 of *Edward* II. *Robert de Sale* had an interest herein, and in the 8 of *Edward* III. *Walter*, parson of *Dodington*, as trustee, granted by fine, to *Nicholas Gamage*, and *Alianore* his wife, a moiety of this manor, which *Guy de* St. *Clare*. and *Margery* his wife, held in dower.

John Fynn, in the 20 of *Edward* III. was lord of the part which *John de Stokes* formerly held, and paid 4*s*. towards the making that King's eldest son a knight: in the 24 of the said King, *John Bray*, and *Catharine* his wife, daughter of *John Fynn*, and *Christian*, sister of *Catharine*, passed it, by fine, to *John de Wesenham*, citizen of *London*; after this, the trustees of *John de Denham*, &c. convey it to *Richard Tooth*, of *Wyrham*, and *Mary* his wife; from *Tooth* it came to *Davy*, &c. (as in *Wereham Hall*) and *John Heaton*, Esq. is the present lord.

The lete is in the lord of the hundred, and with *Wretton* and *Stoke*, is 2*s*. 6*d*.

The tenths were 6*l*. 16*s*. deducted 1*l*. 10*s*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, has a nave that is came-

3d, by whom, and by his first wife, he had no issue surviving; he died at Totenham in Middlesex, where he had a country-seat, in 1671, and was buried in the church of St. Andrew, Undershaft, London.——Smallpiece bore, sable, a chevron between three cinquefoils, argent; Travers, argent, a saltire between four butterflies, sable.—Sir John had by Martha, two daughters, Elizabeth, married to Sir John Banks, and Susan to Edward Rudge of London, merchant.

eated, plaistered, and covered with reed, with a south isle covered with and, a four-square low tower, with 4 pinnacles of free stone, and one bell; it is about 40 feet long and 40 broad; at the west end of the nave lie several gravestones in memory of the *Adamsons;* and at the east end, 2 gravestones, on which have been the effigies, on brass plates, of persons in their winding sheets, now reaved; at the east end of the south isle, is a mural monument of marble, &c. with the arms of *Adamson, argent,* three cross crosslets, fitchée, *gules,* impaling *Clark, or,* a bend ingrailed, *vert.*

In a vault, near this place, lies interred the body of Christopher Adamson, of this parish, gent. who died September 25, 1744, aged 71 years.

"*In the same vault lies the body of Martha, the wife of John Heaton* "*of London, gent. and daughter of the above-named Christopher Adam-* "*son, and Martha his wife, who died 15 December, 1743, aged 33, years.* "——*In the same vault lies also the body of Susannah Adamson; the* "*daughter of Mr. John Crutchfield, citizen of London, and Susannah his* "*wife, and wife of Benjamin Adamson, one of the sons of the above-* "*mentioned Christopher Adamson, and Martha his wife, who died* "*March 25, 1742, aged 27 years.*"

On this are also the arms of *Heaton, argent,* on a bend ingrailed, *sable,* three bucks head caboshed, of the first impaling *Adamson;* and *Adamson* impaling, *azure,* a cross checque *gules* and *or,* between four plates, *Crutchfield.*

The chancel is about 26 feet long, and 17 broad, covered with ed; on the pavement lies a stone in memory of *John D'Artigues,* late of this church, who died in 1744.

10The rectory, with the manse and 4 acres of land, were valued at marks. *Peter*-pence, 13*d.*

m *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare,* lord of this town, gave the tithe of his de-Soan lands in the reign of King *Stephen* to the priory of *Clare* in *uffolk;* this portion was valued in 1428, at 40*s. per ann.*[4] *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers,* lord, on his founding the priory of *Shouldham,* gave the advowson of the church (then a rectory) to the said priory, which being also at that time appropriated thereto, became a curacy, served by a canon of that convent. On the Dissolution, the great tithes were granted, with the manor of *Cavenham,* to Sir *Edmund Bedingfield* of *Oxburgh,* from which family they passed to *Edward Nightingale,* Esq. as is above observed. The small tithes continued in the Crown, till granted *September* 14, in the 18th of *Elizabeth,* to *Adam Bland,* &c. whose son conveyed his right to *Francis Mundeford,* Esq. in the reign of King *James* I. 43 communicants were returned to be in the parish. *Lionel Life* held these vicarial tithes in the reign of King *William* III. after him, Mr. *Warren,* who conveyed them to *Roger Prat,* Esq. of *Riston,* who names the curate.

William de Say, and *Beatrix* his wife, father and mother of *Beatrix,* wife of *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex,* in whose right he was lord of this town, gave lands here, to *Castleacre* priory, and the rent of 5*s.* out of a mill; *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the said priory, the 3d part of the tithes of *Arnold de Meysey,* and *Philip Engleys* in

[4] Monast Angl. p. 1006.

1265,[5] and the prior of *Shouldham* paid for this, 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* but in the 4th of *Edward* IV. a composition was settled at 4*l. per ann.*

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *John Davy* aliened lands and a messuage to the priory of *Wirmegey*, and *John Fincham*, lands to the prior of *Ely*.

William Wigenhale, in the 6 of *Edward* II. aliened 300 acres of land with a messuage to *Shouldham* priory; and in 1428, the spiritualities of the abbot of *Westminster*, were valued at 13*s.* 4*d.*

In the church was the guild of St. *Margaret*, and by the town pond is a well dedicated to that saint. *Wi* or *Wye*, is a *British* word, signifying water; in *Wales*, and in *Derbyshire*, &c. are rivers of that name, also a considerable town in *Kent*.

THE PRIORY AND MANOR OF WINWALOE.

It was founded by the family of the Earls of *Clare*, and stood about a mile north-east of *Wereham* town. He was a *British* saint, and flourished about the year 550, an abbot, and canonized.[6] The first account I meet with of it, is in the 7th year of King *John*, when the Earls of *Clare* and *Gloucester* were found to hold a court here, *(apud Scu' Wynewalum,)* and in the reign of King *Henry* III. *Margaret de Strageset*, daughter of *Rober de Strageset*, gave (as appears) and released to *West Derham* abbey, all the lands which were her father's, lying in the fields surrounding the church of St. *Winwaloch*, comperting on the common of *Werham*:[7] it was a cell to the abbey af *Mounstroll*, or *Musterol* in the diocese of *Amiens*, in *France*, of the order of St. *Bennet*: the patronage of this cell was in the Earls of *Clare*; and the prior, about this time, held 60 acres of land here, in pure alms, of the gift of the Earls of *Gloucester* and *Clare*.

The Earls of *Clare* had a prison in their lordship here, for the honour of *Clare*; many actions and suits were here tried, and was looked on as a grievance; and the jury in the 3d of *Edward* I. presented it, being to the prejudice of the King, and county of *Norfolk*. The abbot and convent of *Mustrol* sold and conveyed it, in 1321, to *Hugh Scarlet* of *Lincoln*, and he conveyed it to the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgo*.

King *Edward* III. granted license *April* 9, *Ao.* 10, to the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgo*, sister and coheir of *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*, to give and assign 7 messuages, 112 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 10 of pasture, with 10*s.* 8*d.*½. rent, in *Wyrham*, *Boketon*, *Stoke*, *West Derham*, *Berton*, and *Narford*, the fair of St. *Wynewale*, in *Norfolk*, to the abbot and convent of *West Derham*, to find a chaplain to celebrate divine service in the chapel of *Winewaloe*, for the soul of *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*, and the souls of *Elizabeth*, and her ancestors, daily, for ever.[8] The deed of the said *Elizabeth* bears date on *Sunday* before the feast of St. *Gregory* the Martyr, in the said year; witnessed by Sir *John Bardolf*, Sir *Robert de Scales*, Sir *John Howard*, *Robert de Well*, *Peter Talbot*, *Peter de Wells*, and *Robert de Dersingham*.

Edmund de Mortimer Earl of *March*, &c. confirmed the said grant,

[5] Reg. Castleac. fol. 51. 82, 138.
[6] Lobineaux Histor. de Britan. Tom. Sci. Saluti in Monsterose sup. Mare.
——— Commentar. Doctor. Smith in Becl. Martyrol. p. 362.
[7] West Derham Ledger Book.-Abbat.
[8] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, baron.

with this proviso, that the chaplain aforesaid be a secular chaplain, and not a regular, and that the service in the abbey of *West Derham* be still continued, and not set aside on account of this service in the chantry of the chapel of St. *Winwaloe*, for the souls of *Gilbert*, &c. dated *Ao* 45. *Edward* III. *John Lynge*, abbot of *West Derham*, kept a court here, in the 17 of *Henry* VI. and 2d of *Edward* IV.

At the general dissolution of religious houses, it came to the Crown, and on 13 of *September*, in the 4 and 5 *Philip* and *Mary*, was granted with all its appertenances to *Thomas Guybon*, Esq. and *William Mynn*, to be held in free soccage of the honour of *East Greenwich*. *William Guybon*, Gent. conveyed it in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, to *Francis Mundeford*, Esq. of *Werham*. *Thomas Methwold* of *Thomson*-College, Gent. sold it, in 1633, to Sir *John Hare*, who kept a court here, in the said year, and Sir *George Hare*, Bart. his immediate heir, died lord.

What remains of this ancient priory is a building chiefly of free stone, about 35 feet long, and 30 broad, and from its site (standing east and west) seems to be the old chapel; in a writing about 1570, I find it wrote *Wynhold Capella*; it is now a farm-house, and here is annually a fair kept on the 3d of *March*, St. *Winwaloe's* day, of note for the sale of many horses, cows, &c. and this being generally a cold, and coarse season of the year, the storms at this time are commonly called *Whinwall-storms*, and this old rhyme decomes frequently quoted in the neighbourhood:

First comes David, next comes Chad,
Then comes Whinwall, as if he was mad.

The temporalities of *West Derham*, with this priory, in *Wyrham Wretton* and *Stoke*, were valued at 7*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* for lands and a mill &c. in 1428.

A little to the west of the church of *Wyrham*, is a well called St. *Margaret's Well*; in time of popery, on the day of that Saint, eople diverted themselves with cakes and ale, musick and dancing; alms and offerings were brought, and vows made at such like sainted wells, and called, *well-worship*

WRETTON,

Or *Wireton*, from a stream of water running through it. This town is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, being accounted for under the manor or *Cavenham*; *Wyron-Hall*, &c. in *Wereham*, which were in, and had their site in *Wereham*, and there being no capital lordship that had its site in this town, is the cause of that omission.

In the 24 of *Henry* III. there was a suit carried on by the prior of *Shouldham*, whose manor of *Cavenham* extended therein, the prior claiming merchettam (for a marriage) from *William de la Ferte* of

this town, who proving himself a freeman, and no villain, was acquitted. *Merchetta* was the fine of a mark, paid to be free from a savage custom in many manors, for the lord to lie the first night with the bride of his tenant. The lord of *Cavenham*, and the lord of *Wyron*-Hall and *Wereham*-Hall, are lords here.

The tenths of this town, and of *Stoke* Ferry, were 5*l.* 11*s.*—Deducted 11*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, has a nave and a south isle, the nave covered with reed, and is about 54 feet long, the isle with lead, and together are about 28 feet broad; at the west end of the nave is a low four-square tower, and a small shaft; herein are 2 bells, on one, *Hæc sit Sanctorum Campan'la Laude Bonorum;* on the other, *Celi Regina - - - - - - Semper sis Medicina.*

At the east end of the south isle, lies a marble grave-stone, with part of a brass plate,

Orate p. a'ia. Johs, Bl. - - -

The chancel is about 23 feet long, and 17 broad, covered with reed; against the east wall, a large pedestal of stone, for *imago principalis.*

A moiety of the patronage of this church was in the lord of *Wyrun*-Hall, and given by *Peter de Narford*, by deed, *sans* date, to *West Derham* abbey; the other moiety was granted to the said abbey, by *Gilbert Buxi* of *Boketon*, (*Boughton*,) and *Hugh Buxi*, and appropriated to the convent by *Simon de Wanton* Bishop of *Norwich*, in his sixth year, 1263; the last rector was *Roger de Holkham.*

On this appropriation, it was served by one of the canons of that abbey; on the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and was granted with the rectory-house and glebe lands, &c. *September* 14, *ao.* 18 *Elizabeth*, to *Adam Bland.* In the reign of *Edward* I. here was a rectory-house, and 10 acres of glebe. From *Bland* it came to *Mundeford*, *Life*, and *Warren*, and so to *Roger Prat*, Esq. the present impropriator, who by settling certain lands on this church, and that of *Werham*, has procured Queen *Ann's* bounty, so that both these curacies are now, together, worth 70*l. per ann.* and he is patron.

The spiritualities of *West Derham*, for this church, were 6 marks *per ann.*

Nicholas Lovel, Esq. of *Wrotton*, buried in this church, 1453. *Richard Cowell*, buried in the churchyard, 1515, gives legacies to the guilds of our Lady, *Trinity*, St. *James*, and St. *John's.*

Mrs. *Forby*, widow, about 1710, gave in land 4*l.* 10*s. per ann.* for the poor; and there is other land for the said use, of 1*l.* 6*s. per ann.* also 5*s. per ann.*

The learned *Roger Gale*, Esq. concludes, that as there are an infinite number of ancient villages, whose names are not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, "That only those are mentioned who held "either of the King, or of the church, who also held of the King in "*capite;* and that those lands which were held by the *English*, who "were not in arms, or by their council acted against King *William*, "were not accounted for, or assessed in that book."[9]

But, I take this not to be the real case, those townships which are

[9] Append. Regist. Honores de Richmond, p. 227.

not mentioned, or accounted for in the aforesaid survey, stand charged in some manor, held of the King, or other lord, in some adjoining town, and so extending into these towns that are not mentioned. As for example; this township of *Wretton*, having the site of no manor in it, is not mentioned, but stands charged and assessed, under the manors of *Wereham*-Hall, and *Wiron*-Hall, the site of both these lordships being in *Wereham*, and also under *Cavenham* manor, in *Wireham*. It is certain, that all lands, both of the laity and clergy, were at the survey held of the King, directly in *capite;* and no land whatever, or township, was excepted, from the account then taken; and from the assessment then made, all were held under the Conqueror by military services, agreeable to its quantity, and quality; and since those towns that are not mentioned in *Domesday*, (nor having any manor in them,) are yet accounted for in the towns where their manors stood, and there assessed: it would have been improper to repeat, and charge again, what had been so properly and justly accounted for, where their site was.

WESTBRIGGS.

This little, and now almost depopulated, village adjoins to *Wirmegay;* in the survey it was wrote *Westbruge*. *Turchetill* was lord in the Confessor's time, but the Conqueror gave it to *Hermerus de Ferrers*. *Turchetill* had two carucates of land; there were always 9 villains and 7 bordarers, and 4 servi, with 2 carucates in demesne, and half a carucate amongst the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, and half an acre of wood, with one mill, &c. In the Confessor's time, there were 2 beasts of burden, at the survey, one; then 10 cows, at the survey 13; always paunage for 6 hogs, one church with 5 acres of land, then 120 sheep, at the survey 60; it was always valued at 60*s*. This village is 5 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and pays 2*d*. to the gelt, when the hundred is assessed at 20*s*.[1] Under the invasions of *Hermerus*, we find that in *Westbruge*, he had seized on three freemen, who had half a carucate, valued at 5*s*. of these his predecessors had only the protection; and St. *Benedict* (of *Ramsey*) had the soc; also in the same village, on 8 freemen, who were under protection, the soc, and foldage of the lord, with 10 acres, valued at 9*s*.[2]

This town, after the said *Hermerus*, was held by *William de Wirmegay*, *Reginald de Warren*, and the Lords *Bardolphs*, of whom see in

[1] Terre. Hermeri de Ferrer. Westbruge ii. car. terre ten. ide' T'-chetel, T. R. E. semp. ix vill. et vii. bord. et iiii serv. et ii. car. in dnio dim. car. hom. et vi acr. p'ti. et dim. ac. silve et i molin. tc. ii runc. mo. i. tc. x. an. mo. xiii. semp. vi. porc. i eccl'a de v ac. tc. cxx. ov. mo. lx. semp. val. lx. sol. H. villa ht. in long. v qr. et in lat. iii. et reddit ii*d*. de gelto de xx sol.

[2] Invas. Hermeri de Ferrer.——In Westbruge iii libi. ho'es. dim. car. et val. v sol. et de his hab. suus antecessor com'end. tant. et Sc'i. Be'd. socam. In ead' viii lib. com'end. et soc. falde de x acr. val. ix. sol.

Wirmegay, of which barony it was a member. In the 38 of *Henry* III. *William* Lord *Bardolph* had a grant of free warren here, &c. and in *Wormegay*. On the attainder of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolph*, King *Henry* IV. in his 9th year, gave it, with the barony of *Wirmegay* to *Thomas Beaufort*, his brother; after the death of this *Thomas* (Duke of *Exeter*) it descended, as is related in *Wirmegay*; when on the death of *William* Viscount *Beaumont*, who died *sans* issue, and his lady, it came to the Crown, and King *Edward* VI. gave it in his first year to *John Dudley* Duke of *Northumberland*, who in the 6th year of the said King, had license to alienate it to *Thomas Mildmay* and to his heirs; his son *Thomas* was lord, 9 *Elizabeth*, and sold it *ao.* 23 of the said Queen, to *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. afterwards lord chief justice of the Common Pleas.

In the 16th of *Elizabeth*, concealed lands and tenements in the tenure of *H. Patrick*, *W. Butts*, *I. Drake*, and *William Portler*, in this town, *Seche*, *Row*, *Totenhill*, *Foston*, and *Shouldham Thorp*, were granted to *Ed. Dyer*, and *H. Cressiner*.[3]

The Church of *Westbriggs* is dedicated to St. *Botulph*; it is a small edifice, with a nave and chancel; the nave is covered with lead, the chancel with tile; at the west end of the nave is a little four-square tower of rag-stone, &c. embattled with free-stone, a shaft covered with lead, but here is no bell; over the door, on the south side, as you enter the church, is a cross like that of a Knight Templar. In the chancel, on the pavement, within the communion rails, lies a marble grave-stone, with this shield; *(Plate I. Fig.* 44.*)* *ermine*, on a chief, *sable*, a ducal coronet, *or*, between two escallops, *argent*, *Taylor*, impaling, *or*, a fess, cheque, *azure* and *argent*, *Stewart*, quartering, in the 2d quarter, *vert*, three boars heads couped, *argent*, *Burley*, in the 3d *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, on his shoulder a mullet, of the first, *Walkfar*; and in the 4th quarter, *Stuart*, as in the first; over all, in an escutcheon of pretence, *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, bruised with a staff regulé, *or*, *Stuart*.

In memory of Mary, wife of Samuel Taylor, Esq. of King's Lynn, the youngest daughter of Sir Robert and Dame Elizabeth Steward, mother of eleven children, four of them died before her, and are buried in St. Margaret's church, King's Lynn; Sarah, the youngest, living but 5 days was buried with her in this grave, she died 11 *March*, 1709, *in the* 40 *year of her age.*

Adjoining to this, lies another marble grave-stone, with the quartered coat of *Steward*, as before, in a lozenge, and

Elizabetha, viri ornatissimi Roberti Stuarti, equitis aurati, dotaria, et antiquissimâ et clarissimâ Stuartarum prosapia, stirpe verè regiâ, Insula Eliensi oriunda, obt. 19 *Nov. An. Salut.* 1692.

On the right side of this, another marble grave-stone with the quartered coat of *Stuart* in a lozenge,

In memory of Sarah, eldest daughter of Sir Robert, and Dame Elizabeth Steward, who died September 23, 1710, *aged* 58 *years.*

[3] 16 Elizab. Pt. 10. Test. 10 Apr.

On the pavement of the chancel lies a stone

In memory of Richard, son of Samuel Tayler, Esq. of King's-Lynn, and Mary, his wife, who died 25 March, 1712, *in the* 12 *year of his age.*

Another,

In memory of Edward Miller, steward to the Lady Steward, 45 *years, who died* 12 *November,* 1715

On the pavement of the said chancel, lie also two marble grave-stones; one thus inscribed:

Hic jacet
Samuel Tayler armiger
Simonis equitis aurati
Filius,
Ævi prioris exemplar,
Per totum vitæ tenorem
Emicuit,
Primaria illa naturæ lex
Universalis benevolentia,
Mira erat in sermone
Mira in ore ipso, vultuq; sua vitas splendidè munifica,
Mensa sicut mens obvia, et semper patens.
Religionis observantissimus,
In parentes eximiè pius
Amicitias coluit
Summâ fide, pari constantiâ.
Has viri verè magni dotes,
Nec parcus invidiæ sermo,
Nec propria modestia,
Nec mortis umbræ possint celare.
Desideratissimus obt. . . . . sepult 10. . .
Ao. ætat. 59, *Dni* 1727.
—Andreas, primogenitus parenti.

On the other:

H. S. E.
Simon Tayler generos.
(Samuelis juxta depositi)
Filius natu secundus;
Qui ingenium eruditione excultum,
Eximiâ quâdam simplicitate,
Miro animi candore
Honestavit.
Cui
Post regiones exteras aditus,
Nec patria displicuit, nec fides.
Studio in amicos perpetuo spectabilis
Triste sui desiderium
Omnibus quibuscunq; innotuerat,
Reliquit. - - -
Illo vero longe tristissimum

Qui
Consuetudinis perjucundæ,
Diuturnæ officiorum conjunctionis
Memor,
Fratri suo, usq; et usq; deflendo,
Hoc
Ingentis amoris monumentum exiguum
Posuit.
Obt. Jul. 12, *ao. ætat.* 38 *Dom.* 1735.

William de Wirmegay who lived in the reigns of King *Stephen* and *Henry* II. &c. gave, by deed *sans date*, to the monks of *Castleacre* the rent of 20*s.* for an anniversary, &c. 7*s.* 6*d.* of the tenure of *William*, son of *Rein. de Sculdeham*, and 7*s.* 6*d.* out of *Hadduna* mill, and 5*s.* out of *Bausey* mill, and being willing to do something more for the good of the soul of his father, mother, wife, &c. further gave to them the church of *Westbrigge*, with the liberties and appertenances; witnesses, *Herem.* son of *Robert de Stradesete*, *Alan*, the sewer, *Walter de Capravill*, *Robert*, his son, *William Perchehart*, *Cop. de Fonte*, *John de Nereburn*, &c.[4]

William de Warren, lord of *Wirmegay*, (son of *Reginald de Warren*,) who lived in the reigns of King *Richard* I. and King *John*, &c. by deed *sans date*, gave to the church of St. *Botulph* of *Westbrigg*, 3 acres and half a rood of land, in a field called *Fordhille Wong*, of that part which lies next the south, in exchange for 3 acres and half a rood, which did belong to the aforesaid church, lying in a field called *Lange lond Wong*; witnesses, *Herlewine*, son of *William*, *Roger St. Dionnisio (Dennis) William Russell*, *Roger de Stradesett*, *Osbert*, his son, *Gilbert de Lirling*, *Ralph de Elingham*, *Alan Campion*, &c.

RECTORS.

Richer de Fulius, rector about 1190, presented by *Hugh*, prior of *Castleacre*.[5]

Sebastian de Florentino, (nephew *Dni. Jacobi Romani Decan de Hout.*) about 1230, presented by the prior, &c.

A°. 13th of *Edward* I. an exchange was made, on *William* Lord *Bardolf's* grant of the church of *North Birlingham*, St. *Peter's*, to the prior, and this advowson was given to that lord.

1300, *William de Specteshale*, presented by *Hugh* Lord *Bardolph*.

1313, *Ponwardus de Mountmartin*, presented by *Alice de Hannonia* Countess of *Norfolk*.

1314, *Peter de Monte Martini*, *(Mountmartin,)* by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolph*.

1316, *John de Blakeshale*, by *ditto*.

1321, *Nicholas Cannard*, by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolph* of *Wirmegaye*.

1323, *Thomas de Cailly* of *Wroxham*, by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolph*, to whom he was chaplain.

1327, *Gilbert Quintin de Hethille*, on the resignation of *Cailly*, by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolph*: of this *Gilbert* see in *Totinghill*; he died the 9th of *Edward* III.

[4] Regr. Castleacre, fol. 81. b.

[5] Reg. Castleac. fol. 18, 121.

William de Culchith.

1339, *John de Westacre*, on the resignation of *Culchith*, by the Lord *John Bardolph*.

1349, *Simon Norreys*, by *John* Lord *Bardolph*.

1349, *Laurence Mareshall* of *Tirington*, by *John* Lord *Bardolph*.

1367, *Robert de Barrowe*, by Queen *Philippa*, by grant from the King, as guardian to *William*, son and heir of *John* Lord *Bardolph*; taxed at 17 marks.

1368, *Thomas Stoner*, on the resignation of *Barrowe*, by Queen *Philippa*, &c.

1371, *John de Weston*, (he was rector of *Geldeston*, in *Norfolk*, on an exchange with *Stoner*, by the King, on account of the minority of *William* Lord *Bardolf*.

1397, *John Walton*, (he was rector of *Blakenham*, and exchanged with *Weston*,) by Sir *Thomas Mortimer*.

1403, *Roger Baret*, (he was vicar of *Barton* by *Bury*,) on an exchange with *Walton*, by the Lord *Thomas Bardolph*.

1411, *William Alyngton*, on the resignation of *Baret*, by *Thomas Beaufort*, Knt. admiral and chancellor of *England*; this *Alyngton* held the church of the *Holy Trinity* of *Blatherwyk*, in *Lincolnshire* diocese, and exchanged with *Baret*.

On the 18th of *July* 1416, this church was appropriated to the priory of the *Holy Cross* and St. *Mary* of *Wirmegay*, on the gift of *Thomas* Earl of *Dorchester*, on condition they supply the cure by one of their canons, or find a sufficient chaplain; and a yearly pension of 20*d*. was paid by the prior, &c. out of it, to the prior, &c. of *Norwich*. In 1468, when the priory of *Wirmegay* was united to the priory of *Pentney*, on account of the fires, inundations, wars, pestilences, poverty of the land, and repairs of the banks, this church, as part of the possessions of the priory of *Wirmegay*, came to that of *Pentney*, and a pension of 10*s*. *per ann.* was granted to the Bishop of *Norwich*. On the dissolution of *Pentney*, this rectory came to the Crown, and so continued till the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, when it was granted to the Bishop of *Ely* and his successours, on an exchange of lands, &c. between that Queen and the see of *Ely*, of which see in *Stanford*, and is held of the said Bishop by leave; *Andrew Taylor*, Esq. of *Beachamwell*, being the late impropriator.

The temporalities of the prior of *Wirmegay* here, were valued at 19*s*. 2*d*. in 1428,—the spiritualities of the said prior at 17 marks.

1557, *Robert Morley* was collated by the Bishop of *Norwich* to the church of *Westbrigg* cum *Totenhelle*.

1639, *Richard Urmeston* was presented by the King, by lapse, to the church and rectory of *Westbriggs* cum *Totenhill*: how these presentations happened I cannot account for; at present it is, as observed, an impropriation, and served by a stipendiary curate. *Robert Gayton*, curate, returned 110 communicants in 1603.

WIMBOTSHAM.

At the general survey called *Winebotesham* and *Winebodesham*, from its site, a dwelling by the water.[6]

ABBOT OF RAMSEY'S MANOR.

King Edgar gave this manor, with one in *Downham*, into which it extended, to this abbey;[7] in the Conqueror's time it consisted of 2 carucates of land, to which there belonged 13 borderers, 2 carucates also in domain, &c. valued at 4*l. per ann.* but at the survey at 3*l.*[8]

In the 35th of *Henry* III. the abbot had a charter for free warren in all his demesne lands. At this town the gaol for the hundred of *Clacklose*, which belonged to the abbot as lord of the hundred, was kept; and in 1258, *William Brito*, one of the King's judges, held by the King's writ a gaol delivery of many robbers, &c. taken in and without the abbot's liberty.[9] In the 3d of *Edward* I. this manor, with that of *Helgey*, the market of *Dunham*, and the hundred and half of *Clacklose* were found to be of 10 marks *per ann.* value to the abbot, and afterwards this manor alone was valued at 20 marks *per ann.*

In the reign of *Henry* V. *John Bekeswell*, steward to *Thomas Botterwick*, abbot of *Ramsey*,[1] accounted for 14*l.* 3*s.* 10*d. per ann.* the issues thereof. On the dissolution of abbies it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* VIII. in his 36th year, gave it, with the advowson of the rectory of *Downham*, to *Robert Miller*, Gent. and *Elianor* his wife, to be held by the 40th part of a knight's fee;[2] and in the first of Queen *Mary*, *Miller* had license to alienate it to *John Walpole* of *Colkirk* in *Norfolk*, afterwards serjeant at law; and on *May* 16, *A°.* 16 of *Elizabeth*, *William Walpole* (of *Fittleworth* in *Sussex*, and of *Gray's-Inn*, *London*) and *Mary* his wife convey it to *Francis Gawdy* and *Elizabeth* his wife, which *Francis* was afterwards a knight, and chief judge of the Common Pleas, whose daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, being married to Sir *William Newport*, *alias Hatton*, had by him *Frances*, daughter and heir, married to Sir *Robert Rich*, (afterwards Earl of *Warwick*,) from whom it came by purchase to Sir *Ralph Hare* of *Stow Bardolph*, in or about the 9th of King *James* I. in which family it remains, Sir *George Hare*, Bart. being the late lord.

[6] Wy, Win, &c. signifies water.

[7] Dugd. Mon. Angl. vol. 1. p. 237, &c.

[8] Terr. Abbat. Sci Bened. de Rameseia.—Winebotesham, ten. Scs. B. ii. car. tre. semp. xiii bord. et ii. car. in dnio. et xii. acr. pti. past. de xviii*d.* iiii por. xvi ov. tc. val. iiii*l.* m°. iii. *Domesd.*

[9] Cart. 35 Hen. III. n. 3.—Plac. Coron. 41 Hen. III. r. 12.—Rot. Hund. Clackl. in Cur. Recept. Sccij. Sprot's Chron. a Tho. Hearne, Ox. p. 200.

[1] The abbot's steward here was anciently styled, Præpositus villæ.

[2] Pat. 19 *A°.* 36 Hen. VIII.

INGALDESTHORP'S MANOR.

William Earl *Warren* had on the conquest, one carucate and an half of land, also one carucate and an half with 10 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* which 24 freemen held in the Confessor's time, by soccage, of the abbey of *Ramsey*, and constituted this manor here and in *Downham*.[3]

About the reign of *Henry* II. *Baldwin* appears to have an interest herein, and payed one mark *per ann.* rent, for lands of *Richard Balliol.* In the 13th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Roger de Frevil* and *Hamon Lanvese*, of one carucate of land here, conveyed to *Roger*;[4] after this, in the 41st of the said King, it appears to be in the family of *Ingaldesthorp*, *Isabella*, widow of *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, being then found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Earl *Warren.* In the 11th of *Edward* I. *John de Ingaldesthorp* died seized of it, as did Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, in the 1st of *Edward* III. and his widow *Beatrix* held it in the 20th of the said King; and in the 46th of *Edward* III. Sir *William de Ingaldesthorp* died possessed of it, valued then at 10*l. per ann.* and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. it was held by the Lady *Eleanor Ingaldesthorp.*

Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* was by the last heir male of that family, who was lord, and on his death it came to *Isabell* his daughter and heir, who was married first to *John Nevill* Marquis *Montacute*, and after to Sir *William Norris*, Knt.; and in the 2d year of King *Henry* VII. mandamusses were awarded to find out the lands whereof the aforesaid *Isabell* died seized in the 16th of *Edward* IV. when her 5 daughters, by the Marquis, were her heirs;[5] *Ann*, married to Sir *William Stoner*, *Elizabeth*, to the Lord *Scroop* of *Upsall*, *Margaret*, to Sir *John Mortimer*, *Lucy*, to Sir *William Fitz Williams* Earl of *Southampton*, and after to Sir *Anthony Brown*, and *Isabell*, to Sir *William Huddleston* of *Sawston* in *Cambridgeshire*, who in her right was lord of this manor; and in the 22d of *Henry* VIII. Sir *John Hudleston* died lord.

In 1574, *Nicholas Hare*, Esq was possessed of it, and presented to the church; and in this family it continues, united with *Ramsey* manor.

TONWELL MANOR.

Hermerus de Ferrariis, on the conquest, seized on 40 acres of land here, held by 3 freemen, in the time of the Confessor, which constituted this lordship; this town with *Stow*, are said to be one leuca in

[3] Terr. W. de Warrenna. —— In Winebotesham i car. tre. et dim. et. i. car. et dim. et 10 ac. pti. et val. xl. sol. hanc terram tenuere xxiiii lib. hoes. ad soca' Scj Bened.—*Domesd.* and lib. Rames. sect. 107. — Spelman's Glossar. p. 517.

[4] Ricard. de Balliol, omnib; ho'nib, &c. sciatis me confirmasse Will. de B. filio meo, &c. Una, merc. reddit. in Winebodesham, qua' Baldw. de Frevill, tenet de me.—Test. Regin. de Warren, Rob. de Wenuall, &c.

[5] Fin. Norff. 13 Hen. III. l. 3. n. 2. —Testa. de Nevil, &c.—Esch. 11 Ed. I. N. 29.—Esch. 1 Ed. III.—Esch. 46 Ed. III. n. 33.

length, and half a one in breadth, and to pay 16*d.* at a 20*s.* gelt. The possessions of *Hermerus* descended to the Lords *Bardolph* of *Wormegey*, and became part of that honour or barony, and *William* Lord *Bardolph*, in the 38th of *Henry* III. had a grant of free warren here. In the reign of *Henry* VI. *John Tonwell*, senior, was lord, and held it of the aforesaid honour, and paid a quitrent for lands which he held here of the abbot of *Ramsey*.[6] In 1500, *Peter Blake* died possessed of it, and by his will, dated 21st of *October*, bequeaths it to his nephew *Jasper Blake*; *Elizabeth* his wife, *Thomas Blake*, Esq. *William Skypwith*, Esq. executors. *Jasper* died lord, as appears by his will dated 17th of *July* 1547. In the 18th of *James* I. *Roger Pratt*, Gent. held it; after this I meet with no further account of it, being soon after (as I conceive) joined to the above mentioned lordship.

The temporalities of the abbot of *Ramsey* were, in the reign of *Henry* VI. valued here at 18*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* the spiritualities of the said abbot at 20*s.* being a portion out of the rectory; this was given *September* 15, in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, to *Edward Warner* and *Ralph Shelton*.

The CHURCH of *Wimbotsham* is dedicated to St. *Mary*, is a single pile of rag-stone and bolder, covered with reed, with a broad square tower of the aforesaid materials, embattled and coped with free stone, with a carved pinnacle at each corner, in which hang three bells; round the Crown of the first is the name of the Virgin *Mary* in a cypher, with this motto, *Ora pro nobis*;—on the 2d, *Celesti: Manna: Tua: Proles: Nos: cibat: Anna.* It is in length about 52 feet, and about 22 in breadth, the roof is camerated and impanelled with oak, on the mitres of which are several small antique heads of saints, kings, &c. and at the east end the bust (as it seems) of the Virgin, with a legend.

On the head of an old seat of oak are the arms of *Spelman* of *Narburgh*, impaled by *Blake*; *ermin*, on a pile indented *sable*, bezanty, between two lions gambs erect and erased, *gules*, and an orle of escollops of the 2d, a bendlet over all, *vert*.

In the church were formerly the arms of *Inglethorp*, *gules*, a cross ingrailed, *argent*, impaling *sable*, a fess dauncy, and three mullets in chief, pierced, *argent*.

The chancel is about 25 feet long, and 17 broad, the communion table is railed in, the whole is covered with reed.

RECTORS.

1313, *Ralph Swyer*, presented by Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, Knt.
1314, *Luke de Brews*, by Sir *Thomas Ingaldesthorp*.
1318, *John de Cortone*, by *ditto*.
William Coupere.
1351, *Robert Palmer*, on the resignation of *Coupere*, by *Beatrix*, relict of Sir *Thomas Ingaldesthorp*.

[6] Invasion. Hermeri de Ferrarijs.—In Winebodesham ten. iii lib. XL ac. T. R. E. *Domesd.*——Regist. Abbat de Ramsey pen. Dom. Tho. Hare, R. 68,—Reg. Cage, Norw.

1361, *Nicholas de Testerton*, by Sir *William Ingaldesthorp*.

1387, *John Snath*, by *Elianor*, relict of Sir *William Ingaldesthorp*.

1422, *Edmund Hasteyns de Wygenhale*, by Sir *William Ashenhull*, *Nicholas Parys*, *John Burgoyne*, *Nicholas Caldecote*, and *John Bateman*, clerk.

1473, *William Hogeston*, by Sir *William Norys*: this church at this time was valued at 10 marks.

1488, *William Modrake*, on the resignation of *Hogeston*, by *ditto*.

1504, *Richard Johnson*, on the death of *Modrake*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, by *lapse*.

1541, *Thomas Fretwell*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by *John Hudleston* of *Sawston* in *Cambridgeshire*. *Thomas Fretwell*, A. M *presbyter, non conjugatus, doctus, residet, hospitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*[7]

1569, *John Tryndell*, on the resignation of *Fretwell*, by *Thomas Fretwell*, patron, *hac vice*, by a grant from *John L'Estrange*, Gent.

1574, *Peter Tye*, on the death of *Tryndell*, by *Nicholas Hare*, Esq.

1575, *George Longe*, on the resignation of *Tye*, by *N. Hare*, Esq. see in *Southrey* and *Stow Bardolph*.

1577, *John Weston*, on the death of *Longe*, by *Nicholas Hare*, Esq. vicar also of *Stow*.

1582, *John Thompson*, on the death of *Weston*, by *ditto*; vicar also of *Stow*; in 1603, he certified that there were 134 communicants here.

1606, *William Ray*, on the death of the last rector, by Sir *Ralph Hare*, rector also of *Watlington*.

1616, *Thomas Willis*, A. M. by *ditto*, on the resignation of the last rector.

Thomas Stevens.

1662, *John Hickman*, A. M. on the resignation of *Stevens*, by Sir *R. Hare*, Bart. rector also of *Bexwell*.

1671, *Edmund Parlett*, A. M. on the death of the last rector, by Sir *R. Hare*, vicar also of *Stow*.

1674, *Walter Drury*, A. M. on the death of *Parlet*, by the Lord *Townsend*, &c. vicar also of *Stow*.

1722, *Charles Lake*, on the death of *Drury*, by Sir *R. Hare*, Bart.

1764, Rev. Mr. *Thomas Moor*, rector and patron.

This rectory is valued in the King's books at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and being accounted in clear value 39*l. per ann.* is discharged of first fruits and tenths; the synodals are 2*s.* procurations, 16*d.*—Old valor was 10 marks, *Peter*-pence 13*d.*

William, chamberlain to *William*, the 2d Earl *Warren*, gave the tithe of his land here, to the abbey of *Castleacre*;[8] *Roger*, son of *Wimer* the sewer, a dependant of the said Earl, gave and confirmed his tithe in this town, which his father and his mother *Gilla* had given to the said abbey.

Thomas Bilney, by his will, dated the 8th of *September* 1480,[9] desires to be buried in the church of St. *Mary*, *Wimbotsham*.

Peter Blake, Gent. of *Wimbotsham*, buried here in 1500.

Jasper Blake, by his will dated the 17th of *July* 1547, and proved

[7] Parkeri Certificat.

[8] Dugd. Mon. Angl. vol. iii. p. 626 and 627.

[9] Regr. Awbrey, Norw. p. 21.

the 22d of *August* following, desires to be buried in the church of St. *Mary, Wimbotsham,* by the sepulchre of his wife; his second wife, *Ann,* mentioned therein, widow of *John Bastard,* and his eldest son *Peter,* and *Richard Bachecroft* executors; *Thomas Townesend* and *Osbert Mundeford,* Gent, supervisors.[2]

[2] Regr. Wymer, Norw. p. 51.

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